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In the second part, the authors present a series of experiments designed to test the proposed model. These experiments involve manipulating the input variables and observing the resulting output, which is then compared against the predictions of the model. The results show that the model accurately captures the essential features of the system, providing a solid foundation for further research.

The third part of the paper focuses on the implications of the findings for practical applications. It is shown that the insights gained from the study can be used to optimize the performance of the system and to develop more effective strategies for its management. This is particularly important in the context of modern technology, where the ability to predict and control complex systems is crucial for success.

Finally, the paper concludes with a discussion of the limitations of the current study and suggestions for future work. It is noted that while the model provides a good approximation of the system, there are still many aspects that need to be explored in greater detail. Future research should aim to refine the model and to investigate the effects of additional variables, thereby contributing to a more complete understanding of the system.

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OPENING

The years of high school take students up the stepping stones of life to a landing from which the students will move even higher. The steps taken from the freshman to the senior year are important in every sense.

The freshmen are taking baby steps and learning all the ropes of high school life. They are young and inexperienced. These timid young adults prove themselves through academics, sports, and most importantly, the acid test of arrival, "slave day".

Moving one step higher arriving at the sophomore level, the students have learned the basics of high school life and have adapted well into their secondary surroundings. The sophomore class is stuck in a rough position, between the new comers and the upperclassmen, waiting for their chance to be in the spotlight.

Junior steps are the next stop on the way to the top. Upperclassmen now, the juniors are getting closer to every young adolescent's dream, seniorhood. The juniors make the most of their remaining time in high school and start making plans for the future.

The final step in high school life is of course the honorable level owned by the seniors. The oldest members of the student body sit on the top of the heap, in the spotlight for everyone to admire. They are higher than all the other students, matured, and ready to go out into the real world, to experience life as adults. It is the prominent seniors who make RCHS tick.

These are the steps of high school life. From the inexperienced freshmen to the mature seniors, they all go to different plateaus on the way to the top. This yearbook includes the good times and some agonizing ones that tell the story of the school year 1991-92.



Freshman Amanda McIlwain spends her day at Ronislaar Central High School with a trip to her locker.

*Cindy Lane tirelessly practices her saxophone.
Dawn Woodke pets a sheep at the FFA Young McDonald's Farm.*



*Ben Crouse stares intently while Mike Kasky helps assemble a drum bass.
Jamie Overton enjoys listening as this young author tells his kindergarten story.
Help from Mr. Potter is on the way for Misty Falkenburg and Jason Stowers.*



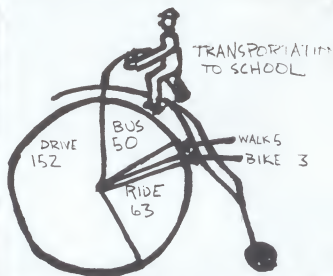
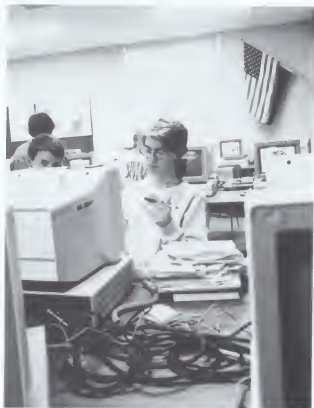


Helping a young author comes naturally to Derick Schultz, who is visiting kindergarten. Though Nathan Brown is not as attentive, Stacy Daniels and Mistie Grapley are really into their reading in English class.



Jeremy Lane proudly cradles his trumpet before a practice. If the sophomores pay attention to Mrs. Swartzell, they should all get A's in English class. Mike Maniscalco shows off his freshman slave, Angie Studer.

MINI-MAGAZINE



In the top picture David Groope and Craig Lewis work on the computers in computer lab. Directly above Greg Parker, Paul Cochran, Jason Marchand, Jay Prouty, and Craig Hurley rehearse "The Lone Ranger" radio play during speech class. To the right Amanda McIlwain, Teretta Gutwein, Nath Jones, and John Rafferty get their senses tested by guest speaker Mike Bell.



Best TV Shows

Beverly Hills 90210
Home Improvements
Married with Children
The Cosby Show
Saturday Night Live
In Living Color

Worst TV Shows

Dinosaurs
Get a Life
Roseanne
Beverly Hills 90210
The Cosby Show
Herman's Head

Movies Best

Wayne's World
Boyz in the Hood
White Men Can't Jump
Silence of the Lambs
The Hand that Rocks
the Cradle

Basic Instinct
Beauty and the Beast
The Last Boy Scout
My Girl
Sleepwalkers

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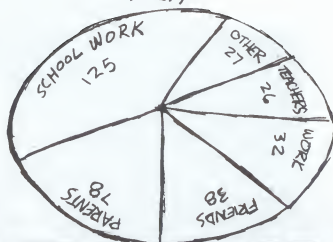
Songs Best

Bohemian Rhapsody — Queen
Everything I Do, I Do It for You
— Bryan Adams
To be with you — Mr. Big
Save the Best for Last — Vanessa
Williams
Tears in Heaven — Eric Clapton
Under the Bridge — Red Hot
Chili Peppers
Friends in Low Places — Garth
Brooks
It's So Hard To Say Goodbye —
Boyz to Men
Nothing Else Matters — Metal-
lica
Jump — Criss-cross

Worst

I'm Too Sexy — Right Said Fred
Black or White — Michael Jack-
son
Jump — Criss-cross
Marry Me — Paula Abdul
Bohemian Rhapsody — Queen
I Can't Dance — Genesis
Smells like Teen Spirit — Nir-
vana
Remember the Time — Michael
Jackson
Let's Get Rocked — Def Leppard
Don't Talk Just Kiss — Right
Said Fred

"STRESS"



Eric VanMeter, Julie Luck, Kim DeWees, and Julie Deno practice juggling during Mr. Ryan's English class.

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National Hall of Fame

World Series Minnesota Twins

Super Bowl Washington Redskins

College Basketball Duke University

Indy 500 1992 Bobby Unser Jr.

Stanley Cup Pittsburgh Penguins

Amanda Rodeffer plays her sax at the homecoming parade. Sacrificing for the cause is a tradition taken seriously by the seniors at the homecoming bonfire.



Senior cheerleaders Cindy Fenson and Desi Klopp cheer for the Bombers at an away basketball game.

Nikole Rimer listens to kindergarten student Katie Greene tell a story for the Young Author's Competition.



Above Mike Williamson and Derick Manns work in the library.

To the left are Joel Haskell and Jason Swagerl helping their kindergarteners write a story. Below are Carla Oliver, Stephanie Bourbonnais, and Sarah Warren enjoying government class.

Above left is 4th hour calculus class listening to Mr. Baumann as he prepares them for the future.

Directly left are the seniors of 1st hour CP English studying diligently.



Mr. Baumann attempts to inspire the calculus to make every minute count. Members of the 12 CP English class analyze job application materials.



Carla Oliver, Stephanie Bourbonais, and Sarah Warran enjoy a lecture in government class.

It is hard to tell who is having more fun, seniors Joel Haskell and Jason Swageri or the kindergarten kids.

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ACADEMICS

Academics is a very important part of the lives of all the Rensselaer Central High School students. No matter what the class, from vocationals to health occupations, everyone works hard to achieve high praise for their accomplishments.

In many cases at RCHS, the students will continue to pursue a career in fields such as health occupations, auto mechanics, carpentry, journalism, or even in the music field. That is why it is important to have a variety of classes offered to the students.

Academics in high school is the most important part of student life. The RCHS student body does not take studying lightly and the results are that some Rensselaer Central graduates go on to colleges such as Purdue, Indiana State University, and Indiana University, while others pursue careers in the military, go to technical schools or go out into the work force. No matter what their careers, RCHS has provided them with a good academic background.



Vocational auto mechanics class, from left to right: Tina Widner, Derrick Schultz, Eric Justus, Dean Arndt, Mr. Bruce Allen, Ron Floyd and Jeff Molenaar.

A Step Into Other Countries

The foreign language classes offered at the high school during the 1991-92 school year were French and Spanish. The students seemed to enjoy learning about the different cultures of these places. They also felt that knowing another language would be very beneficial for college and for the jobs they plan to enter in the future.

Many students found that learning a foreign language can be very difficult. However, after reaching their third and fourth years some of the students were able to teach their languages to elementary school students. This is one of the most favored activities in which to participate. Eric Beaver remarked, "I like to teach because it gives you a chance to get

out of the classroom and school."

Bobbie Sipkema said, "I think it's a lot of fun just being able to work with the kids." Both Eric and Bobbie were enrolled in the Spanish 3 class.

All in all, taking part in a foreign language class can be very beneficial and fun at the same time.



Carla Sizemore gets close to her assignment in French 3.

In the picture above right Anne Kanne and Teresa Gutwein share a French joke.

To the right a group of first year Spanish students enjoy a few good laughs.



A Whale of a Leap

The Science Club is an organization that met during activity periods to take a closer look at the world around us. The club spent a great deal of their time working on constructing a whale heart out of paper mache for the annual Science Fair. The heart was placed in the seventy foot long inflatable whale made the previous year.

Guest speakers came in throughout the year to speak to the group on some interesting science related topics. The school nurse talked with the group about the techniques of surgery and Neal Haskell came in and led a discussion about forensic entomology. The organization attended a workshop entitled "Take This Job and Shovel It" where they learned

what zoo careers are all about. The Science Club raised funds through recycling efforts.

Toward the end of the school year the club had a presentation which showed things like ivory tusks and animal skins. To top it off they took a day out of school to visit The Brookfield Zoo. The sponsor for the organization was Mrs. Betty Briggs and the president was senior Oralia Longoria.



Members of the Science Club are (from left to right, front row): Keely Esbelman and Toveya Wireman; (middle) Carla Oliver, Tammy Dale, Candi Collins, Lisa Harden, Marcella Risner, Amanda Plant, Gretchen Schenk, and Tamee Thompson; and (back) Jill Smith, Oralia Longoria, Chuck Mudd, Molly Stewer, Peter Schenk, Craig Lewis, Mike Schrum, and Mrs. Betty Briggs. Keely Esbelman points out the finer points of a tiger at the Brookfield Zoo.



A Science Club member gets a closer look at one of the zoo's sights through binoculars.

Mrs. Maureen Jungblut pauses while teaching either French 1, 2, 3, or 4.

BUILDING TRADES

Building Trades students pound out steps to success.

Building trades may be taken for a semester or the full school year. The class takes three hours out of the student's day and they must have taken a minimum of a semester of drafting or woods.

The students start with bare ground

and work until they have a finished house, doing everything from excavating to putting on the light switch covers. The house is then sold and the money is put toward the construction of the next year's house. During the 1991-92 school year,

the starting price for the house was \$92,500. The students, along with Greene's Furniture, held an open house.

The students have lots of fun while accomplishing a great deal of work. As Chuck Murphy said, "Building Trades isn't as easy as people think. You really go out and work and learn a lot you didn't know."

As Greg Hoyes explained of his newly acquired skill, "Well, heck, you can even start your own business."

Mr. Mingear taught every step of building the house and appreciated the sincere effort the students gave.

Tracey Smith plasters a wall in the new house on Swartzell Drive.



Morning trades class: (front from left) Mike Anderson, Joe Garcia, Jesse Chambers, and Jo Amisler; and (back) Greg Hoyes, Terri Herre, Darrin Stone, Allan Linback, Chad Phegley. Afternoon trades class: (front) Wade Johnson, Christina Harrington, and Chad Wilmington; and (back) Tracey Smith and Jeff Hitchings.





Before applying mud to the walls and ceiling, Wade Johnston pauses for the camera.

Mr. Kurt Mingear instructs Christina Harrington as to the finer points of finishing a wall.

Filling in the seams with mud takes time and a steady hand, as Jeff Hitchings demonstrates.

HIGH STEPPING

The beat went on in the Rensselaer Central Band department as the "Pride of Rensselaer" marching band convened for their first day together on a damp, dreary morning in August of 1991. With one of the coldest band camp weeks on record, the RCHS musicians accomplished more than ever without the interference of the hot sun.

During the season, the band toured the state performing their three arrangements "A Festival Prelude," "Palookaville," and "It's a Most Unusual Day."

At the close of what was a successful marching season, the high steppers quickly changed modes and readied themselves for pep, concert, and jazz band.

The concert band made its first appearance at the Christmas concert and ended with the exciting Fine Arts Festival. Throughout the year band students enjoyed participating in solo and ensemble, organizational contests, and concerts.

The pep band proudly displayed

their talents at home basketball games and ended their season with a visit from the eighth grade band.

In the second year of existence the jazz band performed at the ISSMA Jazz Festival and journeyed over night to Greencastle, Indiana for the ISSMA Jazz Contest.

After spending almost an entire year together, many new and lasting friendships were developed and lots of memories were created.



The "Pride of Rensselaer Marching Band" takes time to pose for a group picture.
The RCHS band performs in the homecoming parade.
Joel Canine prepares to jam at a basketball game.





Drum majors Kerri Louck and Gretchen Schenk alleviate stress with their fellow band members before regional band contest. Freshman Amber Bailey sets an example of a true band student-practice, practice, practice!



Band Council: (sitting left to right) Amanda Plant, Kerri Louck, Nath Jones, Melanie Callahan, and Casey Tillert, and (back) David Groppe, Ben Crouse, Don Meisner, Gretchen Schenk, Mr. Northern.

The brass section prepares for a basketball game.

Color Guard Awarded Every Step

The 1991-92 Rensselaer Central Color Guard, led by captains Kris Hyvonen, Melinda Klaus, and Cindy Lane, won various awards through diligent practices and extreme dedication.

With the help of sponsors Mr. Rick Quarles, Mrs. Jan Brooks, and Mrs. Terri Phegley, the group claimed the Best Auxiliary Caption Award at the Lebanon

Marching Contest, the North Montgomery Marching Contest, and the ISSMA District Contest.

Members of the squad included seniors Cindy Lane, Kris Hyvonen, Melinda Klaus, and Alison Malone; sophomores Nath Jones, Kate Kanne, Melanie Callahan, Brandee Cook, and Tyann Kiger; and freshmen Lorie Smith, Cecy Viller-

real, Amber Bailey, Kelly Smith, Holly Woudema, and Barbara VanSessen.

"I was impressed and proud of this year's accomplishments! After tryouts last year, I wasn't sure if we would do well this year since Kris, Melinda and I were the only members from last year. But after we won that first contest, I knew we had the talent to take it all!" commented co-captain Cindy Lane. "I'm going to miss it a lot next year!"

Congratulations on a fine season and good luck next year!

The Bomberettes perform at the Kokomo Invitational.



Lorie Smith goes through a routine before performing at the St. Joseph's College Tournament of Bands. Brandee Cook, Cindy Lane, and Melinda Klaus chat before going on the field.





Members of the RCHS Color Guard prepare for a contest. The Bomber Brigade and the Bomberettes hold a pose at the St. Joseph's College Festival of Bands.



Holly Woudema warms up before a performance.



The RCHS Color Guard shows off the awards they won during the 1991 season, while Melinda Klaus smiles for the camera.

Choir Sings Their Way up the Steps Of Success.

To begin the 1991-92 school year, Mr. McKinley started on a happy note because the choir expanded into three groups, two concert choir classes and one treble choir. An increase in enrollment in the vocal music program necessitated the expansion.

The concert choir performed at Little Cousin Jasper, three RCHS concerts, the Fine Arts Festival, and commencement. Concert choir students attended the Solo

and Ensemble Contest with many soloists and three ensembles going to state. Among the soloists receiving superior ratings at state were Kerri Louck, Colleen Matthews, Kim Crouse, Ryan Brown, Miriam Hansen, and Jason Marchand. Along with the solos, an ensemble also received a superior at state.

The treble girls choir, consisting of mainly freshmen, sang at various con-

tests and concerts. The top ensemble, who sang Ave Maria, went to district and received a superior rating. The treble choir proceeded to compete at state again receiving another superior rating. They were the youngest group to receive a this award at the state level. On a more relaxed note, this group participated in the spring musical, "Sound of Music."



The girls treble choir practices to the accompaniment of Ms. Needham. Mindy Subr sings with all her heart at the Spring Choral Concert, April 9.





The girls' treble choir is pictured top left: (front row, from left) Allison Gawthrop, Charity Tiede, Brenda Manns, Raquel Killmer, Rachel Hanson, Amy Mackey, Nicole Johnson, Angie Studer, Wendy Koebcke, Rebecca Balvick, Colleen Newman, Barbara VanSizem, Larissa Spier, and (back) Amanda McLusain, Jaimee Holbrook, Valerie Cross, Pam Strange, Anne Hopkins, Tanya Siegrist, Amanda Whitcotton, Chandra Klist, Sharon Dowdy, and Michelle Shiffer. The choir rehearses for the year's activities in the picture to the left.



The 1991-92 concert choir (from left, bottom row) Kim Crouse, Anne Hopkins, Alison Malone, Desi Klopp, Chrissy Davison, LaVon Chadwick, Valeria Burdick, Wesley Mallet, David Lintner, Greg Getta, Jason Courtney, Jill Smith, Oralia Longoria, Tamme Thompson, and Keely Ebleman; (second row) Malia Hale, Miriam Hanson, Barbara VanSeuen, Sarah Kingman, Christa Wortley, Kerri Louck, Clay Webb, Andy Norris, David Coley, Greg Comer, Derrick Manns, Ryan Brown, Steph Filton, Angie Tiede, Leslie Kaye, and Aubrey Schreag; (third row) Stacey Daniels, Colleen Matthews, Carla Oliver, Tammy Dale, Andrea Pearl, Tim Sayers, Mike Williamson, Jamie Overton, Marcella Rimer, Jenny Steinkamp, Sarah Waples, Charleen Jefferson, and Carla Curnutt; (back row) Steph Iverson, Kim Tillota, Sheila Souza, Lori Smith, Courtney Waling, Tracy Vaughn, Tom Hayes, Brandon Kraper, Jason Marchand, Sandra Black, Jenny Conley, Reisha Chernowsky, and Mr. McKinley.

Dawn Woodke and Jenny List relax after a hard days work helping Mr. McKinley.



HOSA

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Kari Schrum
Sarah Warran
Heather Ulm

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HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) gives vocational students interested in the health field a vast range of experiences, including working with patients at the Jasper County Hospital and with the elderly at the Rensselaer Care Center.

The course consisted of one semester of classroom learning and another semester of on-the-job training. Upon completion

of the course, the students are qualified to work in any care center and some hospitals in Indiana.

The students work at many medical profession sites during the second semester of their training. These assignments may include the dentist's office, the veterinary clinic, the public health office and different areas of care in the hospital.

On her way to pick up a patient, Kelli Doolin pushes the wheelchair down the hall of the Jasper County Hospital.



Shannon McGraw assists a Jasper County Hospital staff member in wheeling a bed out of the intensive care unit.



Sarah Warran is learning how to give an eye examination.



Amy Sigman steps to comfort a new born baby.

The 1992 HOSA organization back row, from left Sherry Craig, Melissa Davis, Julie Luck, Shawnee McGraw, Sarah Warren, Heather Stallman, Misty Falkenberg, and Misty Mann; and (front) Amy Sigman, Kelli Doolin, Kari Schrum, Heather Ulin, and Patsy Nagel.



Kari Schrum eagerly learns how to use the tread mill for patients who are in physical therapy.



Hard work and deadlines pay off for the 1992 staff

Working on a publications staff can be very challenging at times with its many deadlines and other hassles, but in the end the finished product is its own reward. "When you see the finished book," said Deana DeWees, organizations editor, "it makes you feel great and you know that all your hard work has paid off."

Staff members spent the year working on layouts, articles, and screaming at the computers, machines that should save time, but do not always perform. Mary Hull, the 1992 *Chaos* editor stated, "It's exciting to layout the pages and know that your accomplishments will be looked at for years to come."

The 1992 *Chaos* staff started the year with a debt of approximately \$3000 left over from the 1990-91 yearbook. Extra care had to be taken to keep the current production costs low. In addition to selling the books, money was raised when the staff sold suckers and old photos and shot MORP pictures, while collecting a record number of dollars for ads in the 1991-92 yearbook.

At the beginning of the 1991 school year, the RCHS newspaper staff set a goal to get one newspaper out every month, but due to money problems this wasn't always reached. Oralia Longoria, newspaper staff member said, "Even though

we didn't print as many newspapers as we wanted, we have had some kind of success because the paper hasn't been printed regularly for three years."

During the 1991-92 school year the computer programs for the yearbook and the newspaper were installed in the library and computer lab. The extra computers made it a lot easier to meet the deadlines, since more stations meant that more work could be done by students.

Being in the journalism class wasn't all work, because the staff was rewarded for its hard work with several pizza parties during the year.



Members of the yearbook staff, Sean Halligan, Anne Jordan, Heather Steffen, and Jen Bean, work diligently in order to make their deadlines.

Cindy Lane glares at the computer in Mr. Oates's room.



The 1991-2 Rensselaerian staff: (from left to right, front row) Cindy Lane, Oralia Longoria, Melinda Klaus, and Angie Tiede; (second row) Toni Miller, Joy Mendenhall, editor Jill Smith, and Courtney Stewart; and (third row) Mike Chapman, Ari Longoria, and adviser Mr. William Oates.



Adviser William Oates and newspaper editor Jill Smith try to get the desktop publishing program Pagemaker to print the next issue of the Rensselaerian in the computer lab.

The 1992-93 Chaos staff (from left to right, front row) Cindy Lane, Melinda Klaus, Kris Hyvonen, and Amanda Plant; (second row) Deana DeVees, Angie Tiede, Jenny Bean, and Mary Hull; and (back row) Mike Chapman, Shady Haskell, Brandon Keiper, and adviser Mr. William Oates.

Newspaper staffer Toni Miller searches writing ideas for assignments by looking through old yearbooks.



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Organizations

Rensselaer Central High School offered its students a variety of clubs to choose from for the 1991-92 school year. An example of these clubs are the educational clubs, such as the spell bowl team, the academic team, science club, yearbook and newspaper staff, Sigma Di Gamma, and community service clubs such as Sunshine and BADD and many others.

Throughout the school year these clubs and organizations at RCHS became and stayed active in the school and around the community.

The members of the clubs met during activity period, the last half hour of the day on Wednesdays, and some even put in time after school.

Students joined the clubs for many reasons. Some joined in order to be involved, some to help others, others just wanted to expand their minds, and some just had a desire to keep busy during homeroom. No matter what the reason was for joining, these people attempted a variety of achievements, involvements, and stayed active in school activities.



Kelly Jordan, Jeff Hutchings, and Mr. Ron Wamsley look over a grain ticket the FFA members received from the elevator.

Bombers Donate Their Time to Help Out

Student assistants helped RCHS students and faculty with everything from working in the library to answering phones in the office. The Bomber Alert Corps also played an important part at RCHS. One way they helped around the school was giving tours to visitors during Education Week. The Bomber Alert Corps also passed out programs at the school play.

Library assistants checked books in and out, aided other students who were working on computers, straightened books, and helped the librarians search for magazines. As an additional assignment two library assistants, Jim Gratner and Dale Chapman, video taped football and basketball games.

Office assistants usually answered phones, picked up attendance slips, and stamped and folded programs and letters. It was their job to help the secretaries' management of the office function more smoothly.

Natalee George and Mary Evano smile after picking up the attendance slips from Mr. Zimmer's room.

Office workers (seated): secretary Mrs. Risner and office assistant Natalee George; and (standing) Kim Cruise, Kim DeWee, and Wendy Koebcke.



INTERACT

Working to make a better school!

As usual, the Interact and Drama Clubs worked hard throughout the 1991-92 school year.

Interact is a service club. Throughout the school year it sponsored a community project of recycling paper around the school by placing recycling bins in various areas. For their world project, they sent money and supplies to poor people in South America. They also sponsored an international dinner in the end of March, serving foods from around the world. The 1991-92 officers included Gretchen Schenk, president; Mindy Suhr, vice president; Amanda Plant, secretary; and Anne Craig, treasurer.

The 1991-92 Drama Club had its ups and downs during the 1991-92 school year. In March members of the Drama club took a trip to the Medieval Times dinner theatre in Schaumburg, Illinois. While they ate, they watched knights on horses joust and cheered on their favorite knight.

Although their trip was a success, their year was not all fun. Their annual talent show was cancelled due to a lack of interest. This was disappointing to many members of the organization. Oralia Longoria had this to say about it, "It was sad that we did not have the talent show because a lot of us were looking forward to it. Hopefully, the club can have it next year even though the seniors will not be here."

The library provides a discussion place for future Interact projects.

Leading the meeting to elect officers, Norm Howell directs the Drama Club's future activities.

Interact members: (back row, left to right) Nath Jous, Patty Nagel, Jami Hancock, Anne Craig, Stephen Howard, Harold Stanley, Lisa Steiner, Kate Kawa, and Mr. Rich Stefanchik; and (front) Marna Spicer, Courtney Stewart, Mindy Suhr, Gretchen Schenk, Amanda Plant, Ashley Schrey, and Leslie Key.



DRAMA



Tim Sayers, president of the Drama club, goes over a proposal to be given at a school board meeting.

Framed by Mr. Stefamich, Jamie Wilmington, Lisa Subr, Liz Steiner, Patti Nagel, and Marna Spicer plan an Interact activity in room 100.



Drama club members: (front row from left) Carla Oliver, Tammy Dale, Andrea Peart, Tammy Thompson, and Jenny Conley; (second row) Ryan Brown, Kerri Louck, Malia Hale, Colleen Mathews, Oralia Langoria, and Jill Smith; (third row) David Lintner, Toby Abney, Brenda Manns, Charity Tiede, and Amanda Whitcotton; and (back row) Jason Marchand, Jamie Overton, Mike Williamson, Tim Sayers, Jerry Chernowsky, and Andy Norris.

Student Council

Staying on their Feet

Student Council had a busy year in 1991-92 creating many successful events for the student body. In the fall, the council provided a great homecoming parade, queen contest, and dance. A few members of the council along with Mrs. Hancock attended the state convention for student councils and brought back a lot of useful information, such as methods of how to run the organization more effectively.

Numerous entertaining diversions were offered to the students during the year. Morp, the backwards prom, came next with the crowning of freshmen Wendy Koebeke and Brad Cook as king and queen of the dance. The theme for the dance was "Black is Magic." Fun was the watchword on Valentine's Day for the RCHS students and faculty when Mr. Bauman, his guitar, and some of the council paraded around the school doing singing valentines. At the end of the year many students attended the popular "Funfest," also sponsored by the council, where the student body's talents really shone through. A lot can be said for the council and all it did.

The 1991-92 RCHS Student Council: (front row, left to right) Kerri Lauck, Cindy Fenton, Tanya Nagel, John Rafferty, and Chris Perkins; (middle row) Casey Tillett, Jared Hancock, Ryan Brown, Mindy Subr, Teressa Gutwein, Angie Tiede, David Groppe, and Marissa Maxwell; and (back row) Rob Nattbaum, Nath Jones, Liz Steiner, Erin McGraw, Courtney Roberts, and the sponsor Mrs. Dori Hancock.

The singing valentines serenade Tanya Allie.





With plunger for a scepter and a genuine aluminum foil crown, Cindy Fenton crowns Brad Cook as Morp King. Student council members Teresa Gutwein, Mandy Sabre, and Tonya Nagel sing a little valentine song to Mrs. Burman.



Cindy Fenton and Mandy Alton, the two student council chairpersons in charge of the 1991 Morp, pose for a quick picture.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Academics team leads at state

The academic team created a coup by placing first in the statewide social studies competition. Grabbing top honors for class three schools were team members Gretchen Schenk, Peter Schenk, Teresa Gutwein, Jason Lewis, and Larry Seyfried. The faculty sponsors Mrs. Maureen Jungblut and Mrs. Kathy Ward lead the group that studied math, science, social studies, language arts, fine arts, and interrelated subjects.

The topic of scrutiny during the 1992 season was the 500th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus. Other members of the academic team were Amber Bailey, Brian Duncan, Alison Gawthrop, David Groppe, Jared Hancock, Anne Kanne, Cindy Lane, Craig Lewis, Amanda McIlwain, Amanda Plant, Brian Rasmussen, Amanda Rodeffer, Gavin Smith, Lori Smith, Molly Stowers, and Heather Ulm.

The spelling team, coached by the same sponsors, travelled to North Judson in the fall to compete in the area spelling competition, placing second to the host school. Top speller for the Bombers was Carla Sizemore who spelled 7 of 8 words correctly. Spelling six words correctly were Heather Ulm, Amanda Plant, Peter Schenk, Cindy Lane, and Jill Smith. Rounding out the team, also with good scores, were Nath Jones, Amanda Whitecotton, Lori Smith, and Jeremy Lane.

The National Honor Society held their induction on Thursday, February 27, in the school library. Senator Katie Wolf was the guest speaker and she spoke on the topic of "If it is to be, it is up to me." Those inducted were Eric Beaver, Stacy Daniels, David Groppe, Teresa Gutwein, Jared Hancock, Brad Kohlhagen, Chris Prather, Jill Smith, and Mindy Suhr.

New inductees say their pledge lead by president Gretchen Schenk; (from left) Stacy Daniels, David Groppe, Teresa Gutwein, Jared Hancock, Brad Kohlhagen, Chris Prather, Jill Smith, Mindy Suhr, and speaker Senator Katie Wolf. The 1991-92 Rensselaer National Honor Society: (standing left to right) Gretchen Schenk, Wade Tillert, and Anne Craig; and (seated) Amanda Plant, Kerri Louck, and Kelly Jordan. Not pictured: Amanda Rodeffer.



SPELLING/ACADEMIC TEAMS



Gretchen Schenk studiously prepares for the Academic Bowl.

With senior Amanda Rodeffer watching new inductees, Teresa Gutwein enters her name in the National Honor Society member book.



The 1991 Rensselaer Central Spellbowl team: (standing left to right) Cindy Lane, Jill Smith, Jeremy Lane, Mrs. Jungblut, Peret Schenk, Lorie Smith, and Amanda Whitecotton; and (seated left to right) Amber Bailey, Heather Ulm, Amanda Plant, Nath Jones, Carla Sizemore, and Angie Tiede.

MATMAIDS

Matmaids keep wrestlers on their feet

The wrestlers had a great season, and the matmaids made it even better by supporting the team and being very dedicated to the organization. They kept score and sold concessions at sectional. The girls decorated lockers and they passed out ribbons and helped with a variety of duties at all of the tournaments. Carmela Whited, a four year veteran who was very dedicated, said that she enjoyed being a matmaid all of her years in high school. The matmaids are a great help and support to the wrestling team.

Matmaids in uniform: (clockwise from top) Toni Miller, Tyann Kiger, Valerie Marlatt, sponsor Mrs. Judy Burvan, Valerie Burdick, and Heather Donnelly.



Seniors Carmela Whited and Shellie Dobson exercise their spirit.



ARCHERY



Archery Club shoots with one foot forward

The Archery club helped keep its members very involved in the hobby of archery. During activity period meetings they discussed bows and arrows, what are the best types, and where to buy them. The club also had weekly meetings Tuesdays at 6:00 or 6:30 in the morning at the Iroquois Archery Range, seven miles southeast of Rensselaer, where the archers practice shooting.

It was the job of the president of the club, Derich Schultz, to register members in competitions that are held both indoors and out on Saturdays.

Archery members are (back row, left to right) Mr. Bruce Allen, Jeff Walters, Derich Schultz, Greg Parker, Jerry Chernowsky, and Matt Hopkins; (front row) Marc Slaughter, Mike Querry, Dusty Williams, Frank Tyebeck, and David Snyder.

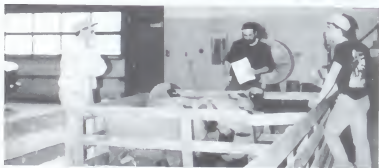
Archery club president Derich Schultz sites a target using a favorite old bow.



Future Farmers of America

Mr. Ron Wamsley and Brad Kohlhaben observe competitors in the faculty livestock judging during Vocational Week.

The 1991-92 FFA: (from back row, left to right) Jerry Chernowsky, Heath Arndt, Ron Floyd, Dean Arndt, and Jeff Molenaar; Jeff Lakin, Craig Smart, and John Kellner; James Woodke, Tom Zickmund, Kevin Moore, Adam Nagel, and Brian Gastineau; Dusty Williams, Hal Norris, David Kellner, Pat Hammond, and Ryan Kohlhaben; Harold Stanley, Curt Hannon, Jeff Rodibaugh, Kelly Jordan, Mike Maienbrook, and Chad Healey; Eric Van Meter, Toby Jordan, Christina Harrington, Courtney Wailing, and Brad Kohlhaben.



During Vocational Week, Curt Hannon and Toby Jordan assess Mr. Bill Zimmer's sheep judging abilities.





FFA-watching where they step

During the 1991-92 school year, the Rensselaer FFA chapter placed consistently in contests around the state and nation. Sponsor Ron Wamsley pushed the soil, livestock, and crop teams to excel at state competitions.

Brad Kohlhagen, Ryan Kohlhagen, David Kellner, and Brian Zacher were the foursome crop judges that placed third in Indiana. Unfortunately they did not qualify for the national contest, but were very pleased at their accomplishments.

The soil team placed second in the state. Consisting of Brad Kohlhagen, Dave Kellner, Toby Jordan and Ivan Steinke, the team travelled to Oklahoma in May where they competed with representatives from most of the fifty states.

The livestock team placed first in the state of Indiana. Onward they traveled to the nationals in Louisville, Kentucky where they judged animals from Canada, the United States of America and Mexico. Three of the four members placed in the top ten.

Many early hours were spent, sometimes in dismal weather conditions, but the FFA members were dedicated enough to themselves and their school to attain state and national recognition.

At the FFA faculty breakfast, Jeff Rodibaugh (center) tries to sneak a sausage from Chrissy Harrington while Jim Woodke looks on.



Pancake mixing is a snap for Courtney Waling and Heath Arndt.



Sunshine Works for Community Well-Being

During the 1991-92 school year the Sunshine Society sponsored the annual Sunshine Dance, as well as selling M & M's and other candy and gift items for funds which were to be donated to Riley Children's Hospital. A new idea for the year was to form "circles" through the membership and gather items, such as old clothing or food, to be donated to the Rensselaer Food Pantry and the poor.

The high school girls' organization also held their annual Daddy Date Night, Mother's Tea, Ideal Lady Night, and sponsored a Faculty Breakfast before school, a time when the club served pancakes and sausage and orange juice.

The Sunshine officers included Cindy Fenton (president), Teresa Gutwein and Desi Klopp (vice presidents), Jill Smith (secretary), Erica Webb (treasurer), and Kelly Jordan (historian).

The executive board included seniors Mandy Alson and Anne Craig, juniors Kim Crouse and Miriam Hansen, sophomores Courtney Reagan, Melanie Callahan, Angie Dill, Leslie Kaye, Jenny Luecke and Ashley Shreeg, and freshmen Rachel Hansen, Sara Steffen, Amanda McIlwain, Amy Mackey, Kelly Smith, Jamie Holbrook, Maris Maxwell and Cecilia Villarreal. This year's sponsors were Mrs. Swartzell and Mrs. Nussbaum.



Senior Sunshine members pose in the traditional class numbers; Junior Sunshine members; Sophomore Sunshine members.

Sunshine Society



Clockwise from top right... Sunshine officers; Mrs. Swartzell discusses candy sales with Kelly Jordan; Sunshine Executive Board Officers; Freshmen Sunshine members; Cindy Fenton and Teressa Gutwein preside over a Sunshine meeting.

Business Professionals Step up with New Office Skills

Business Professionals of America had an outstanding year in their continuing, winning ways in 1991-2. They attended a State Leadership Conference March 13-15 in Indianapolis, bringing back a variety of awards. Carmela Whited received the State Torch Award and the Banner Award at the National Leadership Conference.

BPA is an organization that prepares students with both formal and informal experience in the business world. Not only does the organization learn classroom skills, but it also provides workers for office jobs around the school. The newly equipped office lab, complete with sophisticated IBM work stations (word processors and laser printers) helped make the environment in Mrs. Cindy Kimmel's class as professional as it could be. Each student took pride in the area that she personalized.

Officers

Secretary	Missy Lanoue
President	Dawn Woodke
Historian	Jenny List
Treasurer	Tonja Pellegrino
Reporter	Carmela Whited



Always ready for a challenge in the business lab, Carmela Whited sorts through ledger sheets before transferring them to the computer.

The Rensselaer Business Professionals of America 1991-92: (front row from left)

Carla Oliver, Missy Lanoue, Dawn Woodke, Jenny List, Tonja Pellegrino; (middle row) Jeff Countryman, Chuck Mudd, Sonny Williams, Deana DeWees, Carmela Whited; and (back row) Missie

Crapley, Kim Kronen, Amy Sigman, Heather Amster, Kim DeWees, Denae Schultz, and Natalee George.



Business Professionals of America

Proudly standing by their award, Stephanie Bourbonais, Susan Stephens, and Carla Oliver surround their artwork. The poster received fifth in the state for a promotional display.



Seldom taking breaks for smiles, BPA member Dawn Woodke gazes up while finishing a worksheet.

Seated for the yearbook shot are Business Professional officers (from left) Misty Lamore, Dawn Woodke, Jenny List, Tonja Pellegrino, and Carmela Whited.

Sigma Di Gamma

In 1991-92 Sigma Di Gamma, the Bomber's foreign language club, sponsored by Mrs. Lisa Davenport, kept very busy. Their activities were led by the following officers: president-Desi Klopp, vice president-Cindy Fenton, secretary-John Warneke, treasurer-Courtney Reagan.

They sold candy to help finance their activities, such as the school Mardi Gras on March 24. The celebration featured three countries: Germany, Italy, and Spain, where displays of cultural foods, facts, music, and artifacts could be found. The club also took a field trip for a taste of ethnic food and culture.

The Home Ec Club, sponsored by Miss Alice Smith, started a new activity at Rensselaer in 1992. They held the first annual Prom Fair on February 27. This event featured a dress swap and many booths which showed the current look for prom. Girls brought in previously worn dresses to sell and had the option to buy another. Professionals from the community came in to show hair, makeup, jewelry, accessories, and manicuring techniques. All proceeds were donated to charity.

The 1991-1992 officers were as follows: president Alison Malone, vice president Cindy Fishburn, secretary Angie Fenwick, and treasurer Sarah Warran.

Seniors Sarah Warran, Cindy Fishburn, and Lisa Weems prepare dresses to be sold the Prom Fair.



Eric VanMeter is pictured by Germany's display at the 1992 Mardi Gras. Amanda Douglas, Alex Sitz, and David Smith enjoy tastes from foreign lands.



Home Ec Club



Tasters sample entries in the "Healthiest Food Contest." Amanda Douglas, Nath Jones, Anne Jordan, and Kristi Donnelly, all Sigma Di Gamma members, enjoy eating Italian food at Mardi Gras.



The 1991-92 Home Ec Club: (front row, from left) Stephanie Iverson, Bobbie Jo Cross, Julie Eisle, Mary Evans, and Julie Hentley; (second) Anne Hopkins, Marcella Rimer, Lisa Harden, Keely Esleman, and Alison Malone; and (back) Amy Sigman, Cindy Flitburn, Missy Lamour, Angie Fenwick, Sarah Warran, and Lisa Weems.

The 1991-1992 Sigma Di Gamma club: (front row, from left) Sponsor Lisa Davenport, Heather Stalbaum, Malia Hale, Colleen Mathews, Stacy Daniels, Desi Klopp, Tara Pitt, Amber Basley, Sarah Kingman, and Courtney Reagan; (second) Gabby Spence, Jill Smith, Oralia Longoria, Mistie Crapney, Erica Webb, Angie Fenwick, Nath Jones, Cindy Fenton, and Heather Steffen; (third) Anne Kanne, Cindy Lane, Molly Stover, John Warnke, Anne Jordan, Liz Steiner, Melanie Callahan, and Courtney Roberts; and (back) Tony Spataro, Peter Schenk, Jason Marchand, Mike Maniscalco, Jamie Overton, Eric VanMeter, and Alex Sitz.

A decorative border of black footprints surrounds the page, with prints of varying sizes and orientations. The word "PEOPLE" is centered at the top in a large, bold, serif font.

PEOPLE

Students and Faculty

The people of RCHS are the most important part of the school. From the students to the faculty, everyone works together to accomplish and conquer their goals.

The Rensselaer students make great leaps and bounds through their high school careers. From sports to academics, the Bombers succeed in every way possible.

In sports, the Bombers have a special talent for winning. Whether it be in football, volleyball, basketball, or swimming, no matter what the sport, these teams are always winners to RCHS. From personal to team victories, the people of

RCHS are there for each other through thick and thin.

In the academic field, Rensselaer Central gets an "A." Academics are a high priority on the minds of students and faculty alike. Many students at the high school excel in their studies and receive high honors. The National Honor Society and Academic team do a great job at representing our school, to name just two such organizations.

No matter what the people of RCHS do, they are always winners. From winning the championship to getting a bad grade, no matter what the task, "We are Family."



Amanda McIlwain hurries to get her books out of her locker so she is not late for class.

With a willow in the background, there's no weeping for Mindy Subr's approach to the green.



Band students Kerri Louck, Amanda Rodeffer, Amanda Plant, and Cindy Lane ponder performing at a concert.



Wade Tillet hangs one of his statements art pieces for all to see.



Getting the story down is usually easy for Charles Hodnett, unless he is taking dictation for a kindergartener.





Hoorier decorated Kerri Louck takes a break from trumpet puckering. Every student needs a few moments of rest after a tough day's studying, as Dean Arndt demonstrates in the Ag room.



Angie Dill paints an anti-Rebel spirit sign after school. Freshmen Sara Steffen and Amber Bailey serve Stef Filson at the junior-senior prom.

Teachers Keep RCHS in Step

Mr. Baumann and Student Council serenade Mr. Ryan on Valentine's Day.



Mr. Day



Mr. Allen



*Mrs. Barton
Mr. Baumann
Mrs. Baumann
Mrs. Beebler
Mr. Beebler
Mrs. Benner*



*Mr. Brandenburg
Mrs. Bretzinger
Mrs. Briggs
Mr. Burvan
Mrs. Burvan
Mr. Butler*



*Mrs. Davenport
Mr. David
Mrs. Hammerly
Mr. Hainje
Mrs. Hancock
Mrs. Hannon*





Mrs. Johnson
Mrs. Jungblut
Mr. Kellow
Mrs. Kimmel
Mrs. Kingman
Mr. McKim

Mrs. Messman
Mr. Middleton
Mrs. Miller
Mr. Northern
Mrs. Nussbaum
Mr. Oates

Mr. Peters
Mr. Potter
Mrs. Risner
Mr. Ryan
Mrs. Schultz
Mrs. Scheffer

Mr. Sheridan
Ms. Smith
Mrs. Swartzell
Mr. Tait
Mr. Wamsley
Mrs. Ward



Mr. Zimmer

The faculty at R.C.H.S. were the railings along the stairways of success for the students at Number One Bomber Drive. They guide and try to keep the occupants of Rensselaer Central High School from falling and help them take steps in the right direction.

Two new, young teachers came to the friendly atmosphere of Rensselaer during the 1991-92 school year. Mr. Troy Sheridan moved into a position in the Math department and Miss Lisa Jones, later Mrs. Davenport, became a rookie teacher in the Spanish and English areas.

"As a first year teacher, I couldn't have chosen a better school. I enjoy the students and teachers very much," said Mrs. Davenport.

High points of the year included nu-

merous field trips, among them: Mr. McKim took a group of psychology students to Logansport State Mental Hospital; Miss Smith, Mr. Mingear, and the housing and building trades students attended the Indianapolis Home Show where a house was built, decorated, and furnished at the State Fair grounds; while most of the senior class and some juniors wandered over to the elementary school to help the kindergarten students write their Young Authors stories.

As the students complained regularly about the amount of homework or "busy work" they had from teachers each night, the faculty didn't back down and held their ground making these students work to be the best at R.C.H.S.

Mr. Zimmer introduces new concepts in physical science.

1991-92 School Board members include John Egan, Bonnie Louck, Mary Wilkerson, Tom Moore, Wayne Klinkbamer, Tom Laibbrook, Jan Gausbrop.



Keeping the Spanish language alive at RCHS, Mrs. Davenport instructs second year "Español."

Mr. Baumann watches as the calculus class makes a valiant attempt at a test.



Rensselaer, Indiana???

Sometimes understanding ideas and directions in English is more difficult than simply knowing the vocabulary. Celia Smidlar helps exchange student Maria Cervantes and new RCHS student from Mexico Juan Rodriguez adapt.



Maria Cervantes didn't know where Rensselaer, Indiana was when she first heard that that was where she was going to be for a year, but her stay here helped her remember it the rest of her life.

Maria is from Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas, which is in the southeastern part of Mexico.

During her participation in the Rotary Exchange Program, she has stayed with host families of many Rotarians. One of her hosts was the Reverend and Mrs. Glen Crouse, and their children Kim and Ben. Maria said she loved staying with a teenage girl her own age.

"Kim is my best friend, and she helps me with my English when I don't say things so well."

Maria took classes such as computer applications, housing, and consumer education as well as the required Government, English 12, and Economics, and also Spanish. Her favorite class, however, was psychology, because she wants to become a psychologist and found the course very interesting. She hopes to return to the United States after college.

During the summer Maria expected to be busy when she toured the rest of the United States, if time permitted, as well as having the opportunity to attend a conference scheduled with the other members of the exchange program.

RCHS wished, "Good Luck with your future!!!"

Whether taking a pause from government homework or typing an English assignment in the computer lab, Maria finds a comfortable place amongst her student friends in Rensselaer.



Shawn Allen
Matt Anslower
Chad Bacewic
Amber Bailey
Pat Bailey
Ryan Baker



Rebecca Balvich
Carrie Brooks
Jobina Buzek
Larry Burge
Dustin Cawby
Andrew Chambers



Dale Chapman
Jim Chapman
Reisha Chernowsky
Amanda Collins
Bradley Cook
Jason Countryman



Valerie Crews
Ben Crouse
Anthony DeBoard
Eric Dehaan
Brian Demoss
Sharon Dowry



Jennifer Starnes experiences the dog-cat-dog world at RCHS during Senior Pride Day.

Stepping Up to a New Horizon

A new horizon was offered to the class of 1995 with many changes and challenges, including a new school setting, rules, and a diverse student body.

Senior Pride Day allowed the new class to receive a taste of RCHS pride. Dressed in the costumes prepared for them by their senior masters, freshmen had to obey commands and sing the school song numerous times. Ava Zimmer commented, "I liked Senior Pride Day because it gave me a chance to get to know people I wouldn't normally associate with." Rob Frazee disagreed by explaining, "I felt it gave the seniors a chance to take advantage of us all."

Another change faced by all freshmen was the exposure to faster paced high school life. Mike Marlin felt the homework was easier than in middle school, there was less supervision and more freedoms, and he "really liked the choices in the lunch line."

Another change was the sports program differences. Rob Frazee stated, "The sports program is better in the high school because of the competition between the team mates. The coaches push you harder and you learn from the upperclassmen's experience."

The 1991-92 school year gave the freshman class their place in the future of RCHS and a chance for new friends and experiences.



Jackie Dunbar
Travis Duncan
Marc Ekstrom
David Fenton
Bill Fish
Scott Floyd



Rob Frazee
Jason Freeman
Kristy Frieda
Alison Gawthrop
Eric George
Gary Giramonti



Chris Gomey
Jim Grainer
Ryan Hall
Chris Hammond
Rachel Hansen
Scott Hartley



Robert Hoefertin
Jaimee Holbrook
Rod Huff
Stephanie Iverson
Allen Ivey
Nicole Johnson



Shawna Jordan
John Joseph
John Kellner
Jeremy Killgo
Raquel Killmer
Kerry Kingman



Wendy Koebecke
Ryan Kohlhaugen
Jeff Lakin
Jeremy Lane
John Lane
Jason Lewis



David Lockard
Paulinrose Lovell
Brian Luzadder
Amy Mackey
Andy Mackey
Brenda Manns

Trent Marchand
Mike Marlin
Marisa Maxwell
Erin McGraw
Amanda McIlwain
Paul McKim



Ivy Metoney
Troy Miller
Kevin Moore
Stacey Murphy
Aaron Nagel
Nathan Napier



Colleen Newman
Jason Nowlin
Rob Nussbaum
Josh Ojeda
Alex Pellegrino
Jim Pellegrino



Allen Pierson
Mike Querry
Adan Rangel
Tracy Randolph
Jane Risner
Jody Robinson



Singing the school song was a constant chore for the freshmen during senior pride day.

Amber Bailey mouths her song during a girls p.s.class.

Stidiously experimenting with acrylics, Jane Risner works on a portrait.





Jeff Rodibaugh
Juan Rodriguez
Donnie Sellers
Larry Seyfried
Michelle Sheffer
Tanya Siegrist



Kurt Sinks
Brian Siz
Mark Slaughter
Gavin Smith
Kelly Smith
Lorie Smith



David Snyder
Sheila Souza
Larisa Spicer
Jennifer Starnes
Sara Steffen
Stephanie Stone



Angela Studer
Charity Tiede
Casey Tillett
Frank Tycheck
Barbara VanSessen
Cecilia Villarreal



Jeff Walter
Clayton Webb
Ryan Westfall
Dan White
Amanda Whitecotton
Carlos Wicker



Dusey Williams
Todd Wilson
Tabatha Wireman
Shane Wood
James Woodke
Holly Woudema



Ken Yates
Wendy Yeoman
Kendra Zacher
Tom Zickmund
Ava Zimmer

Sophomores Are Taking Steps to the Future



Ryan Brown concentrates on his art project for the art show.

The sophomore class of 1994 rose above their less than perfect freshman year. They took steps away from the bottom towards the top, their senior year. The students anticipated an exciting and challenging future at RCHS, a future they held with a bright perspective.

Collecting funds for the 1993 senior prom looked more positive as the year progressed. The class treasury went from under \$5 to almost \$200 before the major fundraiser had even begun.

Amanda Douglas, who commented on her class which had many stereotypes, felt that the sophomores proved many of these misjudgements to be incorrect.

Reflecting on past misconceptions about his class, Kyle Lanoue stated, "Our spirit has been low, but I think it has grown as we have grown."

Richard Wolfe, a student joining RCHS from out of state at the second semester, thought the class welcomed him graciously.

Tanya Allie
Everado Alvarado
Kevin Arnold
Heath Arndt
Derrick Barton
Ralph Black



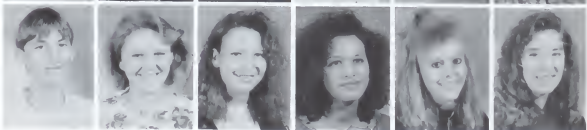
Ryan Brown
Jennifer Brunton
Regina Buczek
Jason Bufkin
Valerie Burdick
Melanie Callahan



Joel Canine
LaVon Chadwick
David Coley
Brandee Cook
Greg Cooner
Jason Courtney



Jeremy Crews
Bobbie Cross
Angie Dill
Brandi Dobson
Heather Donnelly
Kristi Donnelly





Patrick Donnelly
 Amanda Douglas
 Amy Downs
 Mike Ekstrom
 Keely Eshleman
 Jason Fellmy



Susan Flatt
 Melissa Garcia
 Brian Gastineau
 Jason Gilbert
 Scotty Gilbert
 Crystal Hall



Kevin Hammond
 Lisa Harden
 Tom Hayes
 Chad Healey
 Matt Hopkins
 Norman Howell



Angie Hoyes
 Scott Jackson
 Nathale Jones
 Anne Jordan
 Kate Kanne
 Michael Kasky



Leslie Kaye
 David Kellner
 Heather Kellner
 Heidi Kellner
 Jon Kendall
 Tyann Kiger



Sarah Kingman
 Colleen Knouff
 Bill Lane
 Kyle Lanoue
 Donna Latta
 David Lintner



Jennifer Luecke
 Mike Maenbrook
 Wesley Maller
 Stacy Manns
 Valerie Marlat
 Melissa Mathew

Nathan Mathew
Sean McKim
Joy Mendenhall
Ryan Meunier
Toni Miller
Pat Miller



Eric Murray
Adam Nagel
Ken Oliver
Raymond Patzschke
Jay Prouty
Kara Putt



Heather Rafferty
Dan Randolph
Courtney Reagan
Michael Ringen
Cindy Risner
Jake Risner



Courtney Roberts
Sean Robinson
Steve Rudd
Peter Schenk
Ashley Schreag
Dean Sheffler



Chad Smart
Craig Smart
Jerry Souders
Anthony Sparato
Mike Spencer
Jodee Stalhandske



Harold Stanley
Elizabeth Steiner
Ivan Steinke
Dennis Stone
Molly Stowers
Pam Strange



Lisa Suhr
Aaron Teske
Kim Tillotta
Chad Todd
John Tryon
Tracy Vaughn





Heaven Wagner
Courtney Waling
Brad Whitecotton
David Whited
Maurie Williams
Jamie Wilmington



Brett Wizeman
Tonya Wireman
Christa Wortley

Working hard to get the bugs out of her program, Donna Latta concentrates in the computer room.

Mr. Z. gets a high-five from Anne Jordan.



Concentrating intently in the keyboarding room, sophomores Dan Randolph and David Kellner lead the class working on their typing assignments.

Dean Sheffler carefully hangs one of his many airbrush paintings in the hall.

Tobe Abney
Heather Anslar
Matthew Barlow
Jennifer Bean
Eric Beaver
Missy Beaver



Nathan Brown
Mick Brownfield
Eddie Cain
Michael Chapman
Jerry Chernowsky
Daniel Cole



Jennifer Conley
Jason Cook
Becky Craig
Mistie Crapsey
Kim Crouse
Carla Cumutt



Stacy Daniels
Melissa Davis
Christy Davisson
Julie Deno
Deana DeWees
Kim DeWees



Juniors Only a Step Away From the Top

The class of 1993 was just a step away from the top. Being upperclassmen changed the feelings of many juniors. The insecurities of high school fled from their minds, yet as they approached their senior year the new problems facing them in the future begin to sink in.

Many of the juniors said that college decisions were already putting stress on them. However, during the next to last year in high school, they felt that they had more pride and responsibility for the school than in the past. Malia Hale stated that she was concerned about "actually getting out of this place and facing the real world."

The class of 1993 was described by its members as being outgoing, unique, friendly, and close. Their unique style was put forth during the organization of the junior/senior prom, which, despite being a financial challenge, turned out to be a success.

Many juniors anxiously awaited their senior year, moving nearer the top of the staircase, taking the final twelfth step.



Visiting speaker Father Fretlich discusses the topic of war with the American studies class. In the front row (left to right) are Eddie Cain, Mick Brownfield, Malia Hale, Teressa Gutwein, Colleen Mathews, and David Groppe.



Avery Douglas
Brad Dunlap
Julie Eisele
Jason Elijah
Mary Evano
Misty Falkenburg



Brandon Frazee
Michael Garcia
Greg Geesa
Andy Gemala
Natalee George
Corey Groom



David Groppe
Teresa Gurwein
Malia Hale
David Hamer
Jared Hancock
Curt Hannon



Miriam Hansen
Shady Haskell
Julie Hensley
Jeff Hitchings
Ryan Hooker
Stephan Howard



Mary Ann Hull
Wade Johnson
Toby Jordan
Eric Justice
Anne Kanne
Matt Kenny



Jeremy Klinkhamer
Steve Koebcke
Brad Kohlhausen
Kim Kronen
Paul Kyle
Jeremy Leichty



Craig Lewis
Steve Long
Arthur Longoria
Julie Luck
Misty Manns
Joel Mason

Colleen Mathews
Jolie McCollum
Shannon McGraw
Patricia Nagel
Harald Norris
Chris Northcutt



Jannie Overton
Greg Parker
Andrea Peart
Chris Prather
Brian Rasmussen
Mark Rayburn



Jose Rodriguez
Denae Schultz
Amy Sigman
Carolanne Sipkema
Roberta Sipkema
Alex Sitz



Carla Sizemore
Grady Smith
Jill Smith
Jason Spangle
Marna Spicer
Heather Stalbaum



Courtney Stewart
Darrin Stone
Jason Stowers
Mindy Suhr
Heather Ulin
Eric VanMeeter



Omar Villarreal
Sarah Waples
Colt Webb
Eric Whitlow



Tim Widner
Keith Wing
Brian Zacher



Denae Schultz practices
typing on the word
processor.





A group of juniors who worked on the class homecoming float gather on top of their creation. While pondering her next shot at the Valparaiso sectionals, Misty Beaver watches her competition finish the front nine.



The 1991 junior homecoming float.

Gabby Spence and Anne Kanne chat at their lockers before moving on to American studies.

*Amanda Alson
Jo Amsler
Dean Arndt
Sandra Black*



*Stephanie
Bourbonais
Mandee Budd
Brandon Cain
Leah Carroll*



*Blake Carter
Maria Cervantes
Jesse Chambers
Jacob Chapman*



Small but Mighty '92 Says, "Good Bye"

When they entered RCHS as freshmen, becoming seniors seemed miles away; and now they're finished with their high school lives. Being small didn't prevent the class from achieving large tasks, such as paying off the 1991 prom debt, and these activities have kept them close and supportive of each other, making each other feel welcome at RCHS as much as possible.

Decisions were made as to what to do after RCHS and how to pay for a post secondary lifestyle. The class's goal was planning to make its mark on society based on all that they learned in high school.





Madonna Cook
Jeff Countryman
Anne Craig
Shellie Dobson



Tim Dobson
Kelli Doolin
Brian Duncan
Cindy Fenton



Angie Fenwick
Cindy Fishburn
Ron Floyd
Sean Halligan



Christina
Harrington
Steve Hartley
Joel Haskell
Terri Herre



Charles Hodnett
Anne Hopkins
Greg Hoyes
Mark Hurley

Leisure time and success go hand in hand for Gretchen Schenk and Blake Carrer, who pose for a photo at Blake's house before making a big business deal.

John Urbano ponders his next painting while Lisa Weems waits for the Imagine Art Studio to open.

Senior Hall of Fame

Most Likely to Succeed	Blake Carrer
	Gretchen Schenk
Most Artistic	John Urbano
	Lisa Weems
Most Athletic	Leah Carroll
	Jacob Chapman
Teacher's Pet	Joel Haskell
	Kelly Jordan
	Tim Dobson
Most Talkative	Alicia Staddon
	Tim Dobson
Best Hair	Mandy Alson
	Aaron Gluth
Best Looking	Brandon Cain
	Leah Carroll
Most Spirited	Tonya Nagel
	Tim Thompson
Most Musical	Kerri Louck
	Andy Norris
Most Humorous	Desi Klopp
	Tim Thompson
Friendliest	Jacob Chapman
	Stephanie Bourbonais
Best Eyes	Leah Carroll
	Bill Souza
Biggest Flirt	Chastidy Yeoman
	Jeremy Pullins
Most Unique	Brandon Keiper
	Kristin Hyvonen
Best Dressed	Kelli Doolin
	Brandon Cain
	Heather Steffen

Talking on the phone is just one of many ways Alicia Staddon and Tim Dobson bend their friends' ears.

With their future in athletics to be considered, Leah Carroll and Jacob Chapman seek inspiration by watching the successful Lady Pumas practice at St. Joe.





Picking the right apple for the teacher at Wilco is an important job for teachers' pets Joel Haskell, Kelly Jordan, and Tim Dobson.

The mirror at Images is the location for the best hair seniors Mandy Alton and Aaron Gluth to check every strand.



Looking good is enhanced by a magical trip to Merlin and Co. for Brandon Cain and Leah Carroll.

Kris Hyvonen
Kelly Jordan
Brandon
Keiper
Melinda Klaus



Tom Kleist
Desti Klopp
Cindy Lane
Missy Lanoue



Jen List
Oralia
Longoria
Kerri Louck
Alison Malone



Michael
Mantiscalco
Derick Manns
Don Metsner
Jeff Molenaar



Chuck Murphy
Chuck Mudd
Tonya Nagel
Andrew Norris

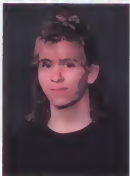




Carla Oliver
Tonja
Pellegrino
Christopher
Perkins
Amanda Plant



Jason Pullins
Jeremy Pullins
Tara Putt
John Rafferty



Marcella
Ritsner
Nikole Ritsner
Amanda
Rodeffer
Tim Sayers



Gretchen
Schenk
Karl Schrum
Mike Schrum
Derich Schultz



Bill Souza
Heather
Steffen
Jennifer
Steinkamp
Jason Swagert

Spirited to the gills, Tim Thompson and Tonya Nagel strike a pose at R & S Sports.

Musical abilities come natural to Andy Norris and Kerri Louck who take time off to appreciate good sounds at St. Joe's WPUM.

Friendliness by Jacob Chapman and Stephanie Bourbonais carries from RCHS to the bag line at Wilco.

Best eyes shouldn't be hidden, but Bill Souza and Leah Carroll haven't figured out how to do this and wear some of Dr. Kim Moyer's best shades.



Deri Klapp and Tim Thompson, in a fit of unbridled humor, evaluate their height and realize they are too tall to play in the Hardee's playground.

Brandon Keiper and Kristen Hyvonen discover the unique articles in Pick 'n Save's magazine section.



In Canada's Kelli Doolin, Brandon Cain and Heather Steffen find it easy to pick and choose clothes for themselves, the best dressed seniors.

Jeremy Pullins and Chastidy Yeom think of many ways to be flirtatious. Jordan Floral.



Tamee
Thompson
Tim Thompson
Wade Tillett
John Urbano



Sarah Warran
John Warneke
Erica Webb
Lisa Weems



Carmela
Whited
Sonny
Williams
Mike
Williamson
Chad
Wilmington



Dawn Woodke
Chastidy
Yeoman



Not pictured
Paul Cochran
Tammy Dale
Joe Garcia
Aaron Gluth
Bryan Hesson
Charity Hilton
Allen Linback
Jason Marchand
Tracey Smith
Alicia Staddon
Kenny Starnes
Susan Stephens
John Vohlken

*Senior Paul Cochran gets a spirited push from
freshman Eric George, while Jennifer Starnes observes.*





The Bomber Brigade stands at ease during a football pregame show.

Erica Webb and Nikole Rimer assume a good vantage point during the Homecoming Parade.



Seniors Tanya Nagel and Mandy Alton place a sign on a Homecoming Queen candidate car.

Last minute preparations are underway as Kenny Starnes staples guns Homecoming decorations together.

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ACTIVITIES

Activities are a special part of RCHS students' yearly schedules. These activities take the students' minds off of their classes and give them a chance to have fun.

During the football season homecoming occurred. The week long events included slave day, the bonfire, the football game and, of course, the crowning of the homecoming queen. These events gave the students a chance to show their true spirit.

Morp was the highlight of December. This backwards prom included the crowning of a freshman king and queen, as well as black and white pictures of all students to honor the

theme "Black is Magic."

The two biggest social events of the school year, the Sunshine Dance and Prom, came in the spring. Both allowed students to look their best and display the latest dances.

The end of the school year brought the various activities of the departing of the class of 1992. All of these events had a special meaning to students at RCHS. From meeting new freshmen on "slave day" to saying goodbye to seniors at graduation, a variety of memories were etched in the minds of each one willing to enjoy an opportunity. They all played a special roll in the lives of the RCHS student body.



Leah Carroll, homecoming queen 1991, and her escort, Jacob Chapman, pose for a battery of photographers at halftime of the annual homecoming football game.

HOMECOMING

Homecoming 1991 was the highlight of the fall season. The week long festivities brought fun and excitement to the RCHS students and faculty.

One event that took place was Twin Day, when students dressed alike in order to have a twin.

But by far the most exciting event for the senior class was "Senior Pride Day" (also known as "slave day".) On Monday morning the seniors chose who their would be victims and on Wednesday they dressed these freshmen up in the most creative outfits they could find. Many slaves had to push their seniors to classes in wheelchairs, wheelbarrels, a homemade mini-bus, and even a raft. The ninth graders also got the seniors their lunches and carried their books. The day ended with a freshman parade in front of the entire student body in the gym.

Thursday night was the honorary parade and bonfire. Many spectators watched as the parade, which included firetrucks and floats, rolled toward the high school. At this spirit session, cheerleaders sang cheers, Coach Hainje made his inspirational speech, and the school jazz band performed.

Friday brought the big game and crowning of the homecoming queen. Leah Carroll won the crown; her court included Mandy Alson, Stephanie Bourbonais, Tara Putt, Alicia Staddon and Chastidy Yeoman. Even though the football game against River Forest was a loss, our team did a great job and homecoming was a memorable occasion.

Pat Miller breaks tackles for a sizeble gain against the Ingots.

Chastidy Yeoman enters the crowning area with her escort Sean Halligan and driver Mark Hurley.





Escort John Warnecke and candidate Tara Putt observe escort Jacob Chapman and 1991 Homecoming Queen Leah Carroll during a photo session, while escort Paul Cochran and candidate Stephanie Bourbonnais pose for the mob of photographers.

The girls swim team mugs for a picture on their float.

Alicia Staddon, escorted by John Rafferty and driven by Jason Suagert, circles the track, prior to Queen Leah Carroll's exit.



BLACK IS MAGIC

"Black is Magic" was the theme for the third annual MORP dance held in the Rensselaer Central High School gym from 8:30 to 11:30 on November 16, 1991. The dance was hosted by the Student Council and was sponsored by Mrs. Dori Hancock. Black and white pictures were taken by Mr. William Oates and the yearbook staff as a fundraiser for the 1992 yearbook. Sipe and Associates, the D.J.'s for the dance, played a variety of music, including top 40 rock and soft rock, hoping to please all of the students. Towards the end of the dance freshmen Brad Cook and Wendy Koebecke were announced as the Morp King and Queen. The gym and hallways were nicely decorated in silver and black, however they were quickly cleaned up afterwards by cleanup crews and other students.

Below: Natalie George and Angie Tiede get into the music.





Above left: Jason Swagers and Marna Spicer hold each other close while dancing as Amanda McLuan watches.

Above Right: Joel Haskell hands Mrs. Dori Hancock his ticket to get into the dance.

Bottom left: Mory King and Queen Brad Cook and Wendy Koebcke take a royal dance.

Left: Paul Cochran, John Rafferty, and Tim Dobson show their unique style of dancing.



Funfest

Let the Good Times Roll

Funfest was a great success in 1992, especially since the 1991 games were cancelled because of foul weather. It was a chance for each class to display their hidden talents and challenge themselves in various activities.

The seniors were successful as they won four out of the eight activities. These included the obstacle course, volleyball, dodgeball, and the airband contest. The juniors claimed the remaining four wins. These were in the chicken fling, car push, three on three b-ball, and the hamburger eating contest. The upper classmen stole all bragging rights from the sophomores and freshmen. The most popular activities were the chicken fling, car push, hamburger eating contest, and the traditional airband contest. Hulking Curt Hannon took the honor of flinging the chicken the farthest. Kim Crouse steered through the cones with the help of a few strong classmates to win the car push. Jerry Chernowsky inhaled a massive amount of hamburgers in order to be named winner of the eating contest. Lastly, Tim Dobson and Paul Cochran hammed it up to win the airband contest with their portrayal of Wayne and Garth's "Bohemian Rhapsody," the recently revived Queen hit in the movie hit "Wayne's World."

The chairman for the year's Funfest was Mandy Alson, who was helped by many fellow student council members. Who said fun can't be found at RCHS?

Angie Tiede and Stacy Daniels hold the fling for the all mighty Curt Hannon in the award winning chicken fling contest (or, what will be in the ala carte line tomorrow?).

Jerry Chernowski displays the ancient art of stuffing oneself until one...wins! Misty Falkenburg is the feeder and Colleen Mathews is the gagged coach.



Cindy Fishburn steers while other seniors keep the car moving in the car path.



A group of primarily junior fans cheer on their classmates during volleyball action. Nicole Risner tries to get the edge on an opponent in the volleyball preliminaries.

The Rensselaer Central High School proudly presents. . .

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

On April 2, 3, & 4, the Rensselaer High School Choral Department presented "The Sound of Music" as the 1992 spring musical.

The story revolved around Captain Von Trapp, a widower with seven children, and Maria Rainier, a misfit postulant in an Austrian abbey. When Maria was assigned by Mother Abbess to the position of a nanny at the Von Trapp mansion, gradually she realized that life in the abbey was something she was not prepared for!

The Main Cast Members

Maria Rainier	Colleen Mathews
Captain Von Trapp	Joel Haskell/Jason Marchand
Mother Abbess	Kerri Louck

The Von Trapp Children

Liesl	Kim Crouse
Frederich	Dave Lintner
Louisa	Alison Gawthrop
Brigitta	Erin McIlwain
Kurt	Christopher Louck
Martin	Nicholas Earnest
Gredl	Katie Earnest

The musical was well-received with a crowded house and standing ovations all three nights. Special recognition went to Doug McKinley, the director, and Claudia Earnest, the children's director, for an outstanding entertainment.

The Von Trapp children tell the guests goodbye in their rendition of "So Long, Farewell."



Maria (Colleen Mathews) teaches the Von Trapp Children how to sing in the song "Do Re Mi."

Captain Von Trapp (Joel Haskell) lines up his seven children to introduce them to Maria (Colleen Mathews).



The Head Nuns sing a song pondering the question, "How do you solve a problem like Maria?"



Frau Schraeder (Tamee Thompson) sings about being the best business woman to Captain Von Trapp, portrayed by Jason Marchand for that night's performance.

Listening to Liesl (Kim Croun) sing "Sixteen Going on Seventeen" is love interest Rolf (Brandon Keiper).

SUNSHINE SOCIETY SETS THE NIGHT TO MUSIC

The annual Sunshine Dance was held on April 11. With the theme "Set the Night to Music," the dance was a beautiful success with approximately 150 people attending. The cost of the tickets was five dollars per couple. Souvenirs of picture key chains were given to each person attending the dance.

All in all, it was the general consensus that the music and decorations were the best ever!

When asked about the DJ, senior Cindy Lane replied, "They played music that we wanted to hear. It was a huge

success."

Joy Mendenhall, sophomore, also commented on the quality of the tunes, "I liked the music, personally. They played enough slow songs."

Tara Putt, senior, congratulated the efforts of the decorating committee, "The decorations were the best they've ever been!"

The tradition of crowning the Sunshine queen and her court was also carried on that night. Tonya Nagel was crowned queen for the Sunshine Dance. The princesses were as follows: freshman, Amy

Mackey; sophomore, Missy Garcia; junior, Kim Crouse; and senior, Cindy Fenton.

To qualify for the title of queen or princess, the girls of the Sunshine Society must not only sell the most candy and gift items, but also demonstrate service in their club to become a candidate. Then the members of the club voted for one of the candidates in their class.

Credit is due to the Sunshine Society for another job well done!



Tonya Nagel receives her crown from Mr. Day. To the right of that, Lisa Weems diligently paints the scenery in preparation for the dance. Chastidy Yeoman and Jacob Chapman dance the night away.





Cindy Fenton and Deri Klopp and their dates discuss the intellectual meaning in "Of Human Bondage."

Sunshine Society moons the student body.



The 1992 Sunshine Dance Court: (from left) Amy Mackey, Miszy Garcia, queen Tonya Nagel, Kim Crouse, and Cindy Fenton are all smiles.



Dancing in the gymnasium is a ball when it is transformed by a little night music.

Quality Escalates at '92 Art Fair

The 24th annual art show held on May 22, 23, and 24 was a total success. Mr. Beehler stated, "It's the biggest show as far as quantity and also the best we've ever had." There were 3497 projects displayed, plus a number of projects that seniors had completed throughout the years. The projects lined the hallways, small lecture hall, art room, and the gym. Students from the elementary and middle schools, along with people from the community, came to tour the building's collection throughout the week. Judges from the local Art League evaluated the senior projects, while former RCHS students currently studying art in college judged the sculptures, and seniors judged the underclassmen's work. Three hundred ribbons were given to various students and the following awards were also given

Judges Award John Urbano
Kevin Childs Award John Urbano
Sculpture and Ceramics Award Tim Thompson
Tri-Kappa Florence Allman Art Award
..... Aaron Gluth and Wade Tillett

Senior artist Wade Tillett assists judges Abbey Parmela and Karen Abel.

During the art show Sean Halligan and Shady Haskell examine the pottery in the small lecture hall.





Jeff Countryman places a ribbon on one of the many drawings on display at the art show.

In the far left photo, Stephan Howard smiles as he awaits the judges' decision.

To the left John Urbano and Brian Heslon look over some pictures.



Faithfully Prom '92

Wade Tillett and Anne Craig arrive through the elegantly balloon-decorated entryway.

"Faithfully" was the theme chosen for the 1992 junior-senior Prom, held at the Halleck Center Ballroom at Saint Joseph's College. The ballroom was decorated in colors of blue and green and had an actual working fountain to set the mood of the elegant evening.

Couples arrived, girls in their beautiful formal dresses and guys in sharp tuxedos, and had their pictures taken by Spasoff Studios.

For many juniors it was the first chance to dress up and attend the dance, while for seniors, it was their last fun moment before graduation sent everyone on their separate ways.

The senior class named Jacob Chapman and Mandy Alson the 1992 Prom King and Queen, while others in the court were Brandon Cain, Leah Carroll, Blake Carter, Sean Halligan, Mark Hurley, Tara Putt, Alicia Staddon, Mike Williamson, and Chastidy Yeoman.

After Prom, many found themselves going to Great America, Turkey Run, or the Dunes for a fun way to end such a splendid weekend.



Prom King Jacob Chapman and Queen Mandy Alson.

The 1992 Renaissance Prom Court.





Dancing by the book is in order for Gretchen Schenk and Craig Lewis.



Dan Cole and Jamie Holbrook smile for the camera as they enter the ballroom. Amanda Plant and Steve Klaus share a hug while dancing to "More than Words." Jeremy Pullins and Tina Doyle smile as they wait for their turn to get their studio pictures; Sarah Warran and John Urbano are next in line before Alex Sitz and Steve Koebeke get ready to pay for their dates' pictures.

Class valedictorian Gretchen Schenk delivers her address, a reflection on what was and what might be.

Though it did not seem as if the years passed slowly for the "small but mighty" class of 1992, the end came nonetheless on May 31, 1992.

Seven speeches were given before the pronouncement of graduation. Reflecting on the senior theme "It's Time for Us To Fly" were speakers Mike Hammond, Oralia Longoria, Alison Malone, Tonya Nagel, and Sean Halligan. Tributes were given to past memories and of lost classmate Brian Brandenburg. Salutatorian Amanda Plant and valedictorian Gretchen Schenk followed with words of wisdom and hopes for the future.

Although barely 100 classmates moved out with those who came to Rensselaer Central High School in 1988 (and some later,) the crowd celebrated with assorted noisemakers, flying string, and bubbles in rare fashion.



Ready to graduate, Oralia Longoria and Kerri Louck turn the corner and enter the gym.



Melinda Klaus, Brandon Keiper, and Kelly Jordan wait for their diplomas.



Superintendent Ockermann proudly offers a diploma and handshake to honors diploma recipient Jacob Chapman.

...time to fly

The class of 1992 waits for their next move during graduation ceremonies.

Carmela White marches in to take her place with the class.



Package carrying and proud, Jenny Steinkamp eagerly anticipates her graduation pronouncement.

The day's speakers are (from left) Sean Halligan, Tonya Nagel, Alison Malone, Oralia Longoria, Mike Hammond, Gretchen Schenk, Amanda Plant, and Reverend Kent Dale. Superintendent Ockermann and assistant principal Steve Snyder wait as principal David Day prepares to open the ceremonies.

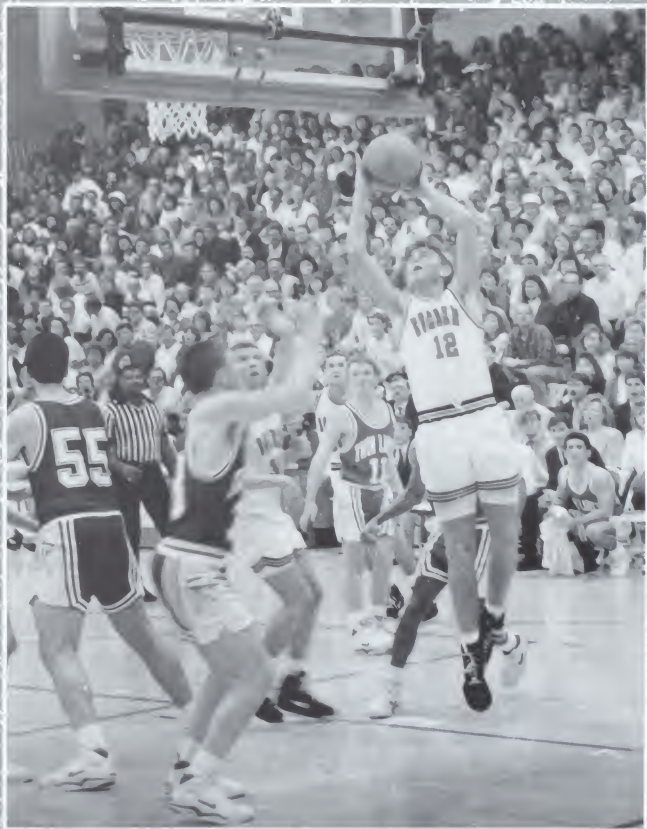
By the powers authorized by the state of Indiana...celebrate!



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BOMBER ATHLETICS A WINNING TRADITION

Rensselaer Central High School has a tradition of having very competitive teams in all sports. The 1991-92 school year was no exception. The Bombers not only took pride in their performances on the field, but also in the classroom. Today people cannot just go to school to play sports, at Rensselaer student athletes must be in shape mentally as well as physically to play, and the mental challenge begins and ends in English, math, social studies and the rest of the courses that transcend the mind to relevance in the field. This not only gives the athletes more of a challenge, but it also makes sure they get an education as well. Although the "thrill of victory and the agony of defeat" was commingled in the three sports seasons, the Bomber boys and girls grew personally from the experiences, the very important lessons learned: how to excel, how to work with others, how to celebrate, and how to lean on each other. Players and coaches come and go, but the experiences gained by participating left an indelible mark on all.



Senior Jacob Chapman avoids Twin Lakes defenders for a jump shot at regionals.

COACH HAINJE FINISHES CAREER

The varsity football team started with two victories in the 1991 season, the first by one point and the second by seven points. From there on they lost four in a row by quite a large margin. After that the Bombers came back to win the next three but were defeated in the second game of sectionals by North Newton. This caused the Bombers to finish the season with a five and five record.

After the end of the season, long time Bomber coach Bob Hainje announced his retirement. Hainje had been the head coach for the Bombers since 1979.

The awards for this year's team captains went to the following people: Blake Carter, Tim Dobson, Jeremy Pullins, and Tim Thompson. The defense crusher award went to Colt Webb. Players who were named to the all-area Northwest Hoosier Conference team were as follows: Pat Miller, Blake Carter, and Tim Dobson.

RCHS 7 LOWELL 6
 RCHS 7 NORTH NEWTON 0
 RCHS 7 NORTH JUDSON 38
 RCHS 7 KANKAKEE VALLEY 10
 RCHS 7 LAKE STATION 42
 RCHS 21 RIVER FOREST 31
 RCHS 28 CENTRAL CATHOLIC
 12

RCHS 13 TWIN LAKES 0
 RCHS 19 RIVER FOREST 14
 RCHS 0 NORTH NEWTON 21

Pat Miller rushes ahead for a first down against River Forest.

The 1991 Bomber football team.



WITH AN EVEN SEASON



The 1991 freshman team.

The 1991 j.v. football team had a tremendously successful season of six and two. The team was quarterbacked by a powerful combination of Keith Wing and Scott Gilbert. This young team had two new coaches, one was Mark Harsha who had coached freshmen ball in the previous year, and the other Larry Cox who had coached wrestling at RCHS.



The freshman team at RCHS also had an outstanding quarterback, Ryan Westfall, who lead the freshmen Bombers to a successful season. This ninth grade team also had two new coaches: Chris Bell who had coached wrestling at RCHS before and newcomer to coaching Troy Everhart.

The Bomber defense sets up against River Forest.



The 1991 junior varsity Bombers.

Retiring Coach Bob Hainje poses for the Bomber fall athletic program.

Girls Net Sectional Victory

The varsity volleyball team prepares to receive the opponent's serve.

The volleyball team capped off their 14-11 season, and 4-1 in conference play, with a win in the final game of the sectional.

Coach Lisa Malone stepped down as varsity coach and she moved out in style with her first sectional victory.

Award winners for the varsity were, as follows:

Leah Carroll- All conference

Co-most valuable

Hitting award

Passing award

Nikole Risner- All conference

Co-most valuable

Mental attitude

Setting award

Tonya Nagel- All conference

Most improved

Blocking award

Julie Luck- Serving award

Erica Webb- All conference

Denae Schultz- Honorable mention,
all conference

Junior varsity award winners:

Jenny Luecke- Mental attitude

Raquel Killmer- Most improved



First row (left to right): Tonya Nagel, Leah Carroll, Erica Webb, Nikole Risner, and Chastidy Yeoman. Second row: Coach Malone, Kim Kronen, Julie Luck, Denae Schultz, Jenny Luecke, Donna Latta, Wendy Koebeke, and Jackie Dunbar.



Nikole Riser sets Julie Luck for an attempted spike against Kouts.



Coach Malone inspires the varsity team just before a match.

The junior varsity team, top row: Jenny Lucke, Heather Rafferty, Maurie Williams, Coach Davenport, Misty Garcia, Liz Steiner, and Courtney Reagan. Middle row: Marissa Maxwell, Raquel Killmer, Becky Balvich, Wendy Koebcke, Jackie Dunbar, and Colleen Neuman. Bottom row: Nikole Johnson and Amber Bailey.

An Excellent Season!

Mindy Subr putts for a birdie at the Valparaiso sectional.

Missy Beaver lines up a shot on the front nine.



Shannon McGraw keeps her head down and eases the ball into the hole.

Leslie Kaye waits to putt.



...for Girls Golf



The Rensselaer Central girls golf team continued with their winning ways as a top force in Indiana. The girls finished the season with twelve wins and one loss, while placing second in the sectional and fourth in the regional. The award winners for girls golf are as follows: Shannon McGraw (Low Average), Anne Kanne (Most Improved Varsity), Erin McGraw (Most Improved JV), and Mindy Suhr and Leslie Kaye (Coach's award).

Anne Kanne swings with excellent technique.

Mr. Stefanich and the 1991 RCHS girls golf team: Leslie Kaye, Erin McGraw, Jamie Holbrook, Misty Beaver, Mindy Suhr, Shannon McGraw, Jane Rimer, and Anne Kanne.



VARSITY WRESTLING EDGED

Varsity wrestling finished the year with a victorious season ending with a eight and five record for dual meets, second in the sectional and tenth in the Semi-State Tournament.

Leading the Bombers with the most wins and wrestling in the 160 pound class was John Urbano, who had a record for the year of 27 wins and 4 losses. In the 130 pound category, Jeff Countryman was second with a record of 23 wins and 7 losses. Both of these seniors moved on to regionals. Urbano was defeated at Crown Point regionals by the eventual state champion.

Top match points were held by Ed Cain with 141 points, and Jason Countryman was second with 138 points. John Urbano came in on top in the team points race with a crushing 149 points, followed by Jeff Countryman with 125 points for the Bomber grapplers. Freshman Jason Lewis received the Rookie of the Year award, ending the season with a 17 and 4 record. Close behind in success was his classmate Jason Countryman with a 12 and 6 finish for the season. All in all, the Bomber Varsity Wrestling team had a very successful year. Junior Greg Geesa said, "We started the year very inexperienced and came on strong toward the end of the season."

R.C.H.S.- 21	.....	Kankakee Valley	— 41
R.C.H.S.- 12	.....	Twin Lakes	— 52
R.C.H.S.- 33	.....	North Newton	— 42
R.C.H.S.- 39	.....	North White	— 36
R.C.H.S.- 57	.....	North Judson	— 12
R.C.H.S.- 16	.....	Harrison	— 47
R.C.H.S.- 48	.....	Central Catholic	— 18
R.C.H.S.- 49	.....	South Newton	— 21
R.C.H.S.- 41	.....	Delphi	— 30
R.C.H.S.- 32	.....	Benton Central	— 34
R.C.H.S.- 54	.....	Pioneer	— 16
R.C.H.S.- 50	.....	West Central	— 12
R.C.H.S.- 36	.....	McCutcheon	— 26

Bomber hasbu boy Sonny Williams attempts to pin his opponent.

The 1991-92 varsity wrestling team.



OUT OF A SECTIONAL VICTORY

John Urbano, though exhausted after a stunning victory, proudly accepts the decision.

Jason Countryman moves in for the kill.



Taking his opponent to the mat, Sonny Williams applies a headlock to the West Central grappler.

John Urbano holds his West Central opponent for a pin.

Cross Country Strides

Corey Groom pulls ahead

Coach Zimmer adds words of advice and encouragement to the cross country team.



As the day draws to a close, Angie Hoyer heads for the finish.

Tonya Allie distances herself from an opponent.





John Rafferty finishes the year with an excellent season and another win.

Coach Bill Zimmer lead the cross country team to another victorious season. The runners had a regular season of eight wins and one loss, then went to sectional and placed second, then advanced to regionals where they placed third. After that they moved on to semi-state where they placed fourteenth. The award winners are as follows: John Rafferty (Most Valuable Runner and Captain), Craig Hurley (Most Improved), John Warneke (Big "Z" Award).

The 1991 Bomber cross country team: Gavin Smith, Corey Groom, John Warneke, Craig Hurley, Kerry Kingman, John Rafferty, Sean McKim, Donnie Sellers, Coach Zimmer, Tonya Allie, and Angie Hoyes.



Conference Win Again

Completing the 1991 season with a winning record, the 8-6 Lady Bomber Swim Team came away with their second consecutive Northwest Hoosier Conference title in the two year history of the meet and also sent Alison Malone to the IHSAA State Diving Meet for her second appearance.

Team Captains for the '91 season were Tara Putt and Heather Steffen. The Most Valuable Swimmer was Heather Steffen and the Most Valuable Diver was Alison Malone. Included with Steffen in the Top Five Points category was freshman Sheila Souza, sophomores Joy Mendenhall and Melanie Callahan and senior Gretchen Schenk. freshman Casey Tillet received the Mental Attitude Award and freshman Ava Zimmer received the Most Improved Award.

Coach Dan Kellow said he thought the girls had a great season despite the injuries of Tara Putt, Kristen Hyvonen, and Amanda McIlwain. Kellow was also pleased with the performance of Alison Malone when she broke the diving record for 11 dives at the sectional competition at Crown Point beating her diving coach Ann Messman's score.

RCHS 136	.....	Kankakee Valley	47
RCHS 150	.....	North Judson	20
RCHS 130	.....	Pioneer	56
RCHS 80	.....	Lafayette Jeff	106
RCHS 127	.....	Central Catholic	48
		West Lafayette	149
RCHS 97	.....	Benton Central	88
RCHS 139	.....	North Newton	41
RCHS 108	.....	McCutcheon	114
RCHS 72	.....	Munster	113
RCHS 86	.....	Twin Lakes	97
RCHS 101	.....	Lowell	84
RCHS 68	.....	South Newton	24
RCHS 72	.....	Portage	113

At the LaPorte Invitational, Sheila Souza starts off the blocks in the 100 meter breaststroke.



Poised to take a lead, Gretchen Schenk readies herself on the starting block.

Members of the 1991-92 Girls' Swim Team include Alison Malone, Melanie Callahan, Anne Craig, Heather Steffen, Gretchen Schenk, Courtney Roberts, Kari Schram, Angie Fenwick, Tara Putt, Sheila Souza, Casey Tillet, Sarah Steffen, and Amanda McIlwain. Not pictured are Kristen Hyvonen and Ava Zimmer.

Boys and Girls swim coach Dan Kellow.



...Girls Swimming

A forward tuck is executed by Alison Malone just before she enters the water.



Cheering comes naturally to swimmers whether it is Kelly Smith and Ava Zimmer (above) clapping for the Lady Bomber Volleyball team or Kelly Smith, Casey Tillet, and Melanie Callahan (left) encouraging the swimmers at the LaPorte Invitational.

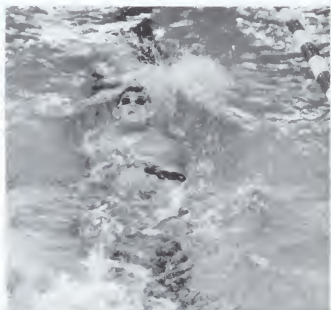


Jason Swagert swims breaststroke in the individual medley below.

*Grady Smith swims ahead of the crowd to the left.
Chris Gorney finishes the 500 freestyle.*



Nathan Brown finishes backstroke for a win while Melanie Callahan and Dean Sheffler chat at a home meet.



Swimmers Step Out in Style



The 1991-92 varsity swim team started off with an eight meet winning streak and finished the year with an 11-3 record. The swimmers blasted their way through the season coming away with the Northwest Hoosier Conference Championship and the Rensselaer Invitational. They also finished fifth at the Lake Central sectional. Nathan Brown continued on to the state meet in the backstroke after placing first at sectional and breaking the school record with a time of 56.40 seconds. Josh Ojeda, a freshman, also continued to state after placing third in the diving competition at sectionals.

The team captains were junior Mark Rayburn and senior Jason Swagert. Finishing out their final year as seniors were Brian Duncan, Jason Marchand, Jason Swagert and Wade Tillett. Head coach was Mr. Dan Kellow and assistant coach was Miss Chris Cosara.

Awards for the year included Dean Scheffler and Bill Fish as Most Improved Swimmers; Wade Tillett, Avery Douglas, Grady Smith, and Brian Duncan, with Top 5 Points; and Nathan Brown, the team's Most Valuable Swimmer.

RGHS 108	.....	Twin Lakes	77
RGHS 123	.....	North Judson	56
RGHS 132	.....	Griffith	46
RGHS 142	.....	North Newton	33
RGHS 112	.....	Merrillville	68
RGHS 50	.....	South Newton	43
RGHS 108	.....	Benton Central	77
RGHS 123	.....	Kankakee Valley	63
RGHS 82	.....	Lafayette Jefferson	104
RGHS 61	.....	Portage	124
RGHS 112	.....	McCutcheon	90
	.....	West Lafayette	130
RGHS 128	.....	Lowell	54
RGHS 93	.....	Harrison	92

The 1991-92 Bomber boys swim team: (front row) managers Courtney Roberts and Melanie Callahan; (second from left) Craig Lewis, Dan White, Ryan Baker, Avery Douglas, Nathan Brown, Bill Fish, and Grady Smith; (third) Chris Gorney, Andy Gembala, Jeremy Lane, Joel Mason, Mike Ringen, and Peter Schenk; (fourth) Dean Scheffler, Jason Swagert, Brian Duncan, Jason Marchand, and Mark Rayburn; and coaches Chris Cosara and Dan Kellow.

Lady Bombers Step to Victory

The varsity girls basketball team had an impressive season, finishing with a 12-7 record. Among the high points of the season was the Tri-County tourney. The Lady Bombers went home with a victory. The girls also finished second at the McCutcheon tourney. The team was disappointed with their loss to Hebron in the sectional, but they felt that their season was a good one.

The junior varsity girls basketball team had a season to be proud of, also, finishing with a record of 11-5. One of their successes was the victory they won by taking the Tri-County Tourney.

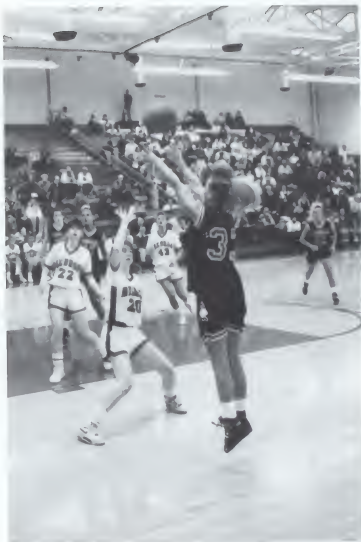
Tonya Nagel puts the ball up while seniors Kelly Jordan, Erica Webb, and Nikole Rimer get ready to rebound.



With Hebron defenders watching, Missy Beaver brings the ball in for a Bomber score.

The 1991-92 Lady Bombers basketball team: (front row from left to right) Denae Schultz, Missy Beaver, Kari Schram, Chastidy Yeoman, and Kelly Jordan; and (back row) Julia Luck, Tonya Nagel, Erica Webb, Leah Carroll, Nikole Rimer, and Coach Terry Butler.





In the photo top right, Kari Schrum shoots while Chastidy Yeoman looks on. Always aggressive in a game, Tonya Nagel fights for the ball (top center picture.)
Directly above, Chastidy Yeoman, Mizzy Beaver, and Nikole Risner watch as Erica Webb shoots for two.

Varsity Record

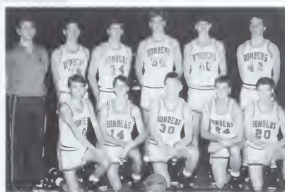
RCHS 50	Twin Lakes 45 OT
RCHS 42	Lafayette Jeff 54
RCHS 51	Hammond Clark 40
RCHS 54	Tri-County 36
RCHS 38	Winamac 54
RCHS 63	North Judson 44
RCHS 60	Lowell 45
RCHS 36	Lake Station 43
RCHS 65	West Central 35
RCHS 35	North Newton 58
RCHS 48	South Newton 32
RCHS 48	Frontier 32
RCHS 42	Frankfort 41
RCHS 32	McCutcheon 81
RCHS 46	Tn-County 42
RCHS 51	North White 60
RCHS 47	Kankakee Valley 41
RCHS 53	River Forest 29

Sectional

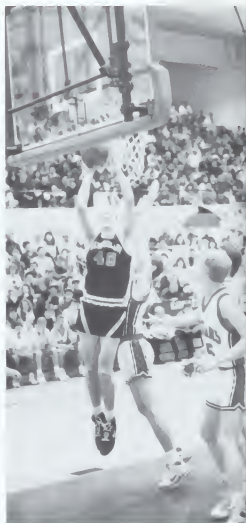
RCHS 38	Hebron 40
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BOMBERS TIE RECORD

The 1991-92 freshman boys basketball team: (back row from left) Coach Wynkoop, Eric Dehaan, Dred Cook, Ryan Hall, Jim Pellegrino, Todd Wilson, Ryan Westfall, and manager Marc Slaughter; and (front) Jeff Rodinbaugh, Gavin Smith, Eric George, Trent Marchand, Paul McKim, and Rodney Huff.



The junior varsity team: (back row from left) Coach Troy Sheridan, Jake Risner, Ivan Steinke, Alex Siz, Scott Gilbert, and Kevin Arnold; and (front) Sean McKim, Craig Harvitz, Jason Felley, Keith Wang, and Mike Mastromick.



The 1991-92 season was very successful for the RCHS freshman basketball team. They were an impressive 14-2 on the schedule. Award winners for the year were as follows:

Ryan Hall Best Free Throw Percentage
 Ryan Hall Most Rebounds
 Ryan Westfall Best Field Goal Percentage

The junior varsity team, playing under first year coach Troy Sheridan, had a regular season record of 11 wins to 9 losses. In their tournament, they were defeated by South Newton in the first round. In the last game of the season, they played a fine game but came up short, losing to Lafayette Harrison 45-40. Award winners were as follows:

Jake Risner Most Improved Player
 Jake Risner Most Rebounds
 Ivan Steinke Best Field Goal Percentage
 Jeremy Klinkhamer Best Free Throw Percentage

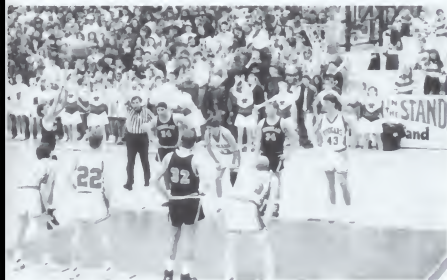


The 1991-92 Bomber boys varsity team: (back from left) Coach Troy Sheridan, Jeremy Klinkhamer, Chris Pratber, Matt Kenny, Jacob Chapman, Colt Webb, Eric VanMeter, Ryan Hooker, Sean Halligan, Curt Hannon, Brandon Cain, Mark Hurley, and Coach Steve Doud; and (front) managers Chris Nortcutt, Greg Parker, and Mike Chapman.



Breaking through the paper, Jacob Chapman leads the boys' basketball team on the way to an eventual victory.

Ryan Hooker scores as Brandon Cain and Eric Van Meter look on. Bombers Brandon Cain, Sean Halligan, Ryan Hooker, Matt Kenny, and Chris Prather start the fast break quickly after a missed shot.



The varsity boys' basketball squad had an excellent regular season, winning 18 games and tying a school record for most wins in regular season action, matching a mark set in 1969. The team was undefeated at home (10 wins) and did not lose to a Lafayette area team, an achievement difficult to accomplish. Two losses sustained during the regular season came against the Twin Lakes opener and Kankakee Valley.

The Bombers supplied the community with a fast break, quick pace, run and gun style of game. A team of spurts, the Bombers were a joy for all. The team was led in scoring and rebounding by 6 foot 4 inch junior forward Ryan Hooker. Second and third in scoring were seniors Brandon Cain and Jacob Chapman, respectively. Other important contributing players were seniors Sean Halligan and Mark Hurley, and juniors Colt Webb, Eric Van Meter, Matt Kenny, Curt Hannon, and Jeremy Klinkhamer. Sophomore Scott Gilbert also contributed greatly to the success of the team.

Hoping to continue their winning ways, the Bombers entered sectional play at a new location, Twin Lakes. In the opening round the Bombers squared off against Frontier, soundly defeating the Falcons by the score of 69-35. In the second round the Bombers faced a rematch of last year's regional championship and sectional host Twin Lakes. In a game of "ups and downs" the Bombers were defeated 74-72. It was a heartbreaking loss for the whole Rensselaer community and an end to a season that will not likely be forgotten.

Jake Chapman launches a free throw shot to increase the Bombers lead by one point as Matt Kenny, Sean Halligan, and Scott Gilbert watch.

Varsity Record

RCHS 53	Twin Lakes 66
RCHS 87	Tri-County 67
RCHS 80	North White 35
RCHS 77	Hebron 63
RCHS 67	South Newton 33
RCHS 68	Frontier 59
RCHS 73	West Central 35
RCHS 66	Pioneer 54

Mid Season Classic

RCHS 58	South Newton 49
RCHS 82	West Central 53
RCHS 78	North Judson 61
RCHS 61	Benton Central 59
RCHS 93	North Newton 59
RCHS 79	Lowell 66
RCHS 59	Kankakee Valley 72
RCHS 93	River Forest 58
RCHS 76	Central Catholic 57
RCHS 60	Lake Station 52
RCHS 72	West Lafayette 67
RCHS 55	Harrison 50

Sectional

RCHS 69	Frontier 34
RCHS 75	Twin Lakes 78

Boys Golf Shoots for a Successful Season

Preparing to get an edge on his opponents, Ryan Hooker tees off at Sandy Pines. Eric Beaver is in a pleasant mood as he advances to the tee against North Newton.



Practice makes perfect, as sophomore Jake Risner putts at Curtis Creek. John Warnke chips the ball onto the green and into the hole (only practice though.)



The Rensselaer team discusses the game plan for the ongoing match.



The Bomber boys golf team starts to practice at the first signs of spring. As soon as the snow from winter is gone and the air has a hint of warmth they begin.

The 1992 golf team was a very young one, of the fourteen members only five were upperclassmen. One highlight was senior John Warneke's personal best of 82. The team won the Northwest Hoosier Conference, and three players were named all conference: John Warneke, Jeremy Pullins, and Jake Risner. The Most Valuable Player was Jake Risner. Although they were very young, the team still showed great potential to have an excellent season.



Jeremy Pullins walks off the green with a larger than life smile because of his outstanding performance.

The 1992 RCHS golf team looks happy, even though it is raining and cold at Curtis Creek Country Club: (back row, from left) Rodney Hough, Brandon Keiper, Ryan Hooker, manager Leslie Kaye, and Coach Rich Stefanich; and (front) Dan White, Eric George, Sean McKim, Troy Miller, Rob Natusbaum, Kevin Arnold, Eric Beaver, Chad Anderson, Jake Risner, John Warneke, and Jeremy Pullins.



Girls Track

The 1992 Bomber Girls Track Team: (from left, front row) Nicole Johnson, Jackie Dunbar, Becky Balvich, Mallia Hale, Joy Mendenhall, Susan Platt, Wendy Koebeke, Rachel Hansen and Jody Robinson; and coach Nancy Messman, Raquel Killmer, Sheila Souza, Chandra Kleist, Tonya Nagel, Jenny Leucke, Julie Luck, Tonya Allie, Jamie Wilmington, Liz Steiner, Angie Hoyes, Colleen Newman, and assistant coach Cindy Kimmel.

The 1992 girls track team had a very successful season finishing 17-7. With only one senior on the team, Tonya Nagel, they will be a very competitive team in the following season. Tonya said that being the leader of the team didn't slow her down. She was very happy helping all the freshmen. "It was a joy having them there to keep the season fun," Tonya said. She also said that one of the best meets of the year came when the team beat Winamac, because it was such a close and exciting match.

In her 16th season as head coach, Mrs. Messman said, "It was great having all the underclass kids on the team; it gave me a chance to help teach them to be the best that they can." She also said that having Tonya Nagel on the team for her third year helped make the season successful.

Memorable moments for the team continued all season long. One great event for the team was when freshman Jackie Dunbar beat the girls long jump record leaping 17 feet 9 inches. The team was also very successful at sectional. As a whole they didn't advance, but six individuals (Jackie Dunbar, Tonya Nagel, Jenny Leucke, Wendy Koebeke, Julie Luck, and Joy Mendenhall) moved on to regionals at Highland in eight different events. Jackie, Jenny and Tonya broke school records while there, and the first two advanced to state level in the long jump and shot put respectively.

After considering her trip to Indianapolis, Jenny Leucke stated, "It's a great opportunity to be one of those athletes going on to state."



Sheila Souza watches as the discus lands in the throwing sector, while Greg Lintner coaches.

Tonya rests and reflects before the 1600 meter relay. Angie Hoyes passes the baton to Mallia Hale in the 1600 relay.

Running hard for a successful season



<p> RCHS 50 RCHS 96 RCHS 84 RCHS 74 RCHS 75 RCHS 60 RCHS 45 RCHS 31 RCHS 67North Newton 18 RCHS 125River Forest 42 RCHS 92 RCHS 60 </p>	<p> Kankakee Valley 68 West Central 21 Tri County 52 South Newton 12 North Newton 44 North Judson 42 Winamac 39 West Lafayette 43 Lowell 67 South Newton 29 Benton Central 98 North Judson 20 Lake Station 44 North Newton 38 North Judson 24 Boone Grove 26 Delphi 18 </p>
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Hustling during her leg of the 4 by 1 relay, Rachel Hansen picks up the pace.
Chandra Kleist takes the baton and runs a grueling distance relay.



Starting out of the block, award winner Jackie Dunbar begins the 400.

The boys track team ran out yet another successful year in 1992. The team finished with a 12-2-1 record. They also won conference (beating the closest team by 58 points), won the Gene Edmonds Relays, and came in second at the Delphi Relays and sectional. Seniors Paul Cochran, Greg Hoyes, Tim Thompson, John Rafferty, and Mike Schrum added much to the success of the team. Rafferty did an outstanding job in the 1600 and 3200, while underclassmen Pat Miller was successful in the 400 and Colt Webb cleaned up in the shot put and discus. Webb lost only once in discus and remained undefeated in shot through sectional competition.

Coach Bill Zimmer said the track team had a relaxed attitude but got the job done. Strengthening that remark, when Paul Cochran was asked what he remembered about track, he replied, "North Judson — me and Tim (Thompson), our junior year on our second exchange — Tim started off too slow and I hit him. He skidded across the cinder, so I jumped over him and threw the baton." The result was a win in an unusual way. The team had a good time while running yet another good season.

Doing an "Indian run" are Donnie Sellers, John Rafferty, Corey Groom, and Tim Thompson.

The 1992 Bomber Boys Track Team: (from left, front) Corey Groom, Dennis Stone, Kerry Kingman, Brian DeMoss, Paul McKim, Jared Hancock, Jason Elijah, Mark Slaughter, and John Rafferty; (middle row) Jay Preuty, Chad Todd, Paul Cochran, Tim Thompson, Jason Cook, Joel Mason, Donnie Sellers, Eric Justice, and Greg Hoyes; (back) Coach Bill Zimmer, Jeremy Lane, Mike Schrum, Dean Sheffler, Pat Miller, Pat Donnelly, Alex Sitz, Steve Koebke, Craig Hurley, Colt Webb, Brian Sitz, manager Tom Kleist, and Jim Pelligrino.



Jason Cook measures a shot put toss. Poised in the glide stance, Jim Pellegrino prepares to put the shot.



Stepping Away from the Starting Block- Boys Track



*Hand off at the second leg; Eric Justice relays to Paul Cochran.
Jason Elijah clears a hurdle.
Getting a great jump on the competition, Greg Hoyes starts a relay.*



Bomber Baseball

The 1992 Bomber Baseball team had a successful season under first year coach Steve Doud, culminating in a sectional win. Doud headed a young coaching staff which included Troy Sheridan (j.v coach) and assistant Tim Dohr. Senior leadership was an important factor. Those in their last year on the team were as follows: Jacob Chapman, Tim Dobson, Jason Pullins, Mark Hurley, Charles Hodnett, and Chad Wilmington. Chapman, Dobson, Hurley, and Hodnett have played varsity ball for three years, making them very experienced.

The Bombers sported a high-powered offense which produced 19 runs in one game against River Forest. Dobson who produced three homeruns in one game, and Curt Hanon, a junior, posed major offensive threats in the fourth and fifth spots in the batting order.

Bomber pitching was equally successful, as the hurlers were lead by Jacob Chapman who had an Earned Run Average of 2.15 and broke a school career strikeout record.

When asked about the season, Chapman replied, "Our season record this year is a complete turn-around from last year. Of the games we lost, we've had a chance to win almost all." The Bombers finished the regular season with a respectable record of 16 wins to 10 losses.

At sectionals, the boys of Rensselaer summer (the season continued after graduation) soundly defeated North White, then erased Tri County 12-5. Jeremy Klinkhamer had three RBI's in the first game and a lead off homer in the second. Adding to the attack was Tim Dobson's three run shot and Jacob Chapman's solid hitting and pitching. At the yearbook deadline time, the team was preparing for regionals at Loeb Stadium in Lafayette against Benton Central.



*Charles Hodnett steps on the bag to turn a double play.
Jacob Chapman leads off for the Bombers and waits for the pitch.*



...next stop-Lafayette Regionals



The 1992 varsity baseball team is as follows: (back row, from left) Coach Sheridan, Coach Dohr, Jeremy Klinkhamer, Derrick Barton, Tim Dobson, Mike Chapman, Jacob Chapman, Charles Hadnett, Brian Zacher, Head Coach Steve Dowd; and (front) Mark Hawley, Nathan Mathew, Curt Hannon, Chad Wilmington, Jason Pallini, Jason Felmy. The junior varsity team: (from back) Coach Dohr, Todd Wilton, John Joseph, Shane Wood, Coach Sheridan; (second row) Jason Courtney, Chad Healy, Gavin Smith, Ryan Baker, Clay Webb, Trent Marchand, Dusty Cawby; and (front) David Fenton, Jason Nowlin, Kyle Lanoue, Josh Ojeda, Ryan Westfall, Ryan Hall, and Jim Chapman.

Always ready for a quick play, bubblegum chewing Curt Hannon watches the right side of the infield.



Testing the pitcher and first baseman at Kouts, Derrick Barton leads off.

Tim Dobson makes contact with what could likely be a homerun; Dobson had 9 HR's on the year, as well as a sweet 3 run shot against the Tri County pitcher in the sectional win.



Cheerleaders Keep the Crowd in Step

Bomber cheerleaders support the various athletic teams of RCHS with many efforts.

The Varsity thru Freshman squads began practicing summer before school even started. The three squads went to DePauw University Cheerleading Camp in Greencastle, IN. The girls brought back top honors winning the over-all Varsity, Fight Song, and Nightly competitions. The squads also went to the Kankakee Valley Cheerleading Camp. They held a Cheerleading camp for girls third through eighth grade. They also had a Little Sister Night for the seventh and eighth grade cheerleading squads.

The girls cheer at all home and away football and basketball games. They paint all the halls with spirit posters and decorate hoops for the football and basketball games.

The cheerleaders held pep sessions, painted the community merchant's windows, and dance during half-time of the basketball games.



All three cheerleading squads pump up the crowd together during a timeout. In the top right picture the varsity girls are cheering on the anxious Bomber supporters. The bottom right picture shows the j.v. cheerleaders anticipating free-throw points.





The varsity squad and the crowd lean forward in the hopes of a basket. The junior varsity squad is pictured below. Clockwise from the center is Christa Wortley, Angie Dill, Regina Buczek, and Courtney Waling. In center picture j.v. cheerleader Angie Dill leads a spirited cheer.



The freshman squad, clockwise from center, includes Carrie Brooks, Rachel Hanson, Angie Studer, Johana Buczek, and Amy Mackey. The varsity squad, seen to the left, shown (clockwise from center) Cindy Penton, Mandy Alton, Teressa Gustwin, Kim Crouse, Natalee George, and Dori Klopp.

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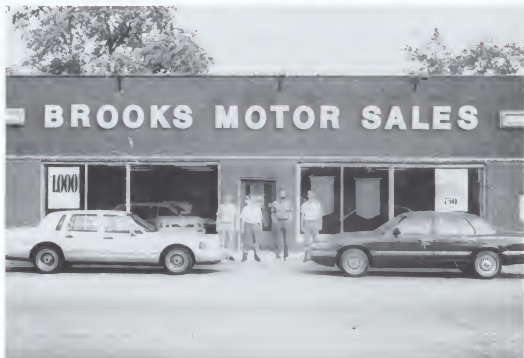


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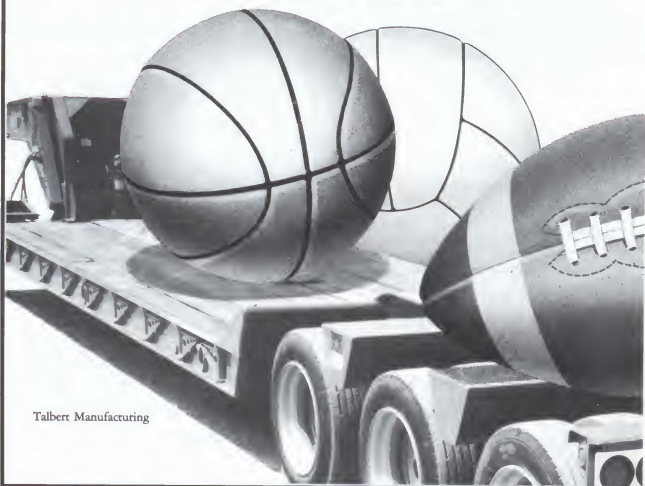
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